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## FOREIGN FEARS.

## STEPS BY DIPLOMATIC BODY.

## POWERS ANXIOUS.

## Meanwhile Further Nationalist Successes Reported

## YENCHOW SAID TO HAVE FALLEN.

Steps by the Powers to accord adequate protection to foreigners in North China during the impending crisis are to be agreed upon at a meeting of the Diplomatic Body in Peking, states Chinese cable from Shanghai.

Further successes for the Nationalist allies are indicated. After a brief halt to consolidate their gains, the Nationalists and the Kuominchun cavalry pushed on northward. Yenchow has been given up by the Northerners in the face of a dual attack and the Northerners have only about 10,000 men at Tai-an. The remainder of the shattered army is converging on Tsinanfu, on the Yellow River, the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Tsinan-Tsingtao Railways.

Alarm is felt in Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung. Even in Northern circles, it is doubtful if it can be held against the allied drive.

## ALARM AT TSINANFU.

The Diplomatic Body has fixed on a date for a conference to extend precautionary measures for the protection of foreigners in China. Tientsin is to be the centre of the measures, states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," and the steps to be taken will be such that no misunderstanding can arise but will meet with the approval of all contending factions.

## Northerners on the Run.

Of most importance in the war, are the developments subsequent to the first Northern debacle.

General Chang Tsung-chang decided to vacate Yenchow (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway) and retreat north to Tai-an. Here, only 10,000 men are attempting to dig in, the rest continuing to move north in semi-confusion.

Morale is badly shaken in the Northern ranks, states an overnight cable. Anxiety is entertained on account of Tsinanfu where the people are already in a panic.

## Ironsides in the Van.

Latest reports are that the Nationalists advanced on Yenchow from the south, with the Cantonese Ironsides as the vanguard. The Kuominchun column's cavalry co-operated by pressing from the south-west.

Two of the Shantung (Northern) Generals claimed to have been captured are Lau Chee-luk (an ex-governor of Swatow) and Chan Sau-cheuk, both of whom were in Kwangtung during the Chan Kwing-ming regime. They trekked north a few years ago and joined the Peking faction. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is quoted as having ordered special treatment for these two prisoners.

## Many Nationalist Casualties.

The severity of the fighting can be gauged from the fact that although the Nationalists have been winning easily, they have had to send back big batches of wounded troops to Nanking, the capital.

Large numbers of casualties have arrived at Pukow (the terminus of the railway down from the front lines, opposite Nanking), says a British Naval Wireless despatch.

## Other Fronts.

There is no reliable news from the Chihli-Shansi front.

On the Chihli-Honan front, it is confirmed that the main strength of the "Christian General's" Kuominchun has captured Taming (in the south of Chihli) but one Northern army is stated to be holding on to Fenglo (in extreme north of Honan), on the Peking-Hankow Railway, and keeping back the Kuominchun.

## Approaching Tsinanfu.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Japanese reports from Tsinanfu suggest that the Nationalist vanguards were yesterday approaching Taishan Hills overlooking Tsinanfu. This is borne out in an announcement by the British and American Consuls-General at Tsinanfu who have advised their respective nationals to leave in view of the fighting zone moving in that direction.

## A Strikeless Saturday.

Nationalist headquarters re-

## BATHING BEACHES.

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Four bathing beaches will be open for the use of the general public from Tuesday, May 1.

The North Point enclosure is that next to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. There is one at Kennedy Town as usual. Public facilities will be available at Repulse Bay, as indicated by the Government in reply to a question by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., on Thursday. There is also the Tai Wan Bay beach at Kowloon.

Charges of admission, per person, are as follow:—

20 cents: Repulse Bay,  
10 cents: North Point (adjoining R.H.K.Y.C.) and Tai Wan Bay, Kowloon.

5 cents: Kennedy Town.

## BULGARIA'S 'QUAKE.

## 100 BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS.

## INUNDATIONS.

Sofia, Yesterday. Except for a small area a quarter of a mile across, situated on high ground in the centre of the town, the whole of Philippopolis has suffered severely from the earthquake. A hospital and a number of churches are among the buildings destroyed and only a few houses are visible among the ruins of a score of villages.

The houses of Borgiovaograd, which escaped the first earthquake, were demolished by the later visitation. A hundred bodies have so far been recovered and many more are under the ruins.

After the earthquake water spouted up from fissures, inundating the country-side. The population of Sofia is still in a state of panic and families are camping in the open.

The losses in these two earthquakes are estimated at several hundred million Levas.—Reuter.

80,000 Families Homeless.

Sofia, Later. The premier, in an interview at Philippopolis, said the earthquakes, of the 14th and 18th inst., destroyed the districts of 1,000 square kilometres extent and 80,000 families are homeless. The relief work is progressing. The casualties so far exceed 100 killed and 400 injured.

## BRITISH CREDIT.

## GOVERNMENT BONDS ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

## WARM RECEPTION.

New York, Yesterday. The listing of British Government Bonds on the New York Stock Exchange has been most favourably commented upon as an important contribution to the internationalisation of the New York Market and to the stabilisation of the world market.

The "Herald Tribune" dwells upon the warm reception accorded to the issue by the public, which it interprets as reflecting unbounded confidence in the credit position and financial integrity of the British Government.—Reuter's American Service.

## "RED" ACTIVITIES.

## WHAT RIGA POLITICAL POLICE FOUND.

## MOSCOW MONEY.

Riga, Yesterday. In the course of their search the political police found documents relating to Communists subsidising and controlling "Left" newspapers and copies of important correspondence with Moscow. So far there have been 11 arrests.—Reuter.

## PRINCESS MARY.

## LEAVES MARSEILLES FOR HOME.

## EGYPTIAN TOUR OVER.

Marseilles, Yesterday. Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles have left for London on their return from Egypt.—Reuter.

Treasury has been signed at Washington.—Reuter.

## SOLDIERS' RUSE?

## Another Shop Window Broken.

## TWO PRIVATES.

## Not The Way To Get Discharged, Says Magistrate.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, two soldiers of the Queen's Regiment, Pte. W. G. Hayes and Pte. T. Duffy, were charged with wilfully smashing in the early hours of the morning, a window of the Hong Kong Electric Light Company at 2 Queen's road Central, and causing damage to the extent of \$20.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell in stating the charge said: "Do you think it funny to do this?"

"I have nothing to say, sir" answered Hayes.

Both the accused pleaded guilty and His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour for both the culprits, and also ordered them to pay \$10 each as compensation to the Electric Company, or failing that to undergo a further sentence of seven days' hard labour.

In passing sentence His Worship said: "If you think you will be discharged from the Army, you are grossly mistaken."

## RUBBER.

## NEW RESOLUTION FROM CEYLON.

## STILL UNDECIDED.

Colombo, Yesterday. After a long session the Ceylon Estates Proprietary Association have passed a resolution to the effect that "while favouring the im-

## "FAIR TO SHOWERY."

## Squally Weather Predicted For The Week-end.

The Observatory's weather forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is as follows:—

"South winds, moderate; possibly, fair to showery."

The forecast applies to Hong Kong, the south coast of China between Hainan Island and the Lamocks, and Formosa Channel.

mediate removal of restriction on rubber exports or its gradual removal between now and November 1, this Association defers its definite decision until the receipts of further information concerning discussions at present in progress in Malaya and Ceylon."—Reuter.

## BRITISH NAVY.

## PERSONNEL OF 1913 AND THIS YEAR.

## "FIRST LORD'S" STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday. Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a written Parliamentary answer gives a comparison of the numbers of officers and ratings serving in the Royal Navy in 1913 and this year.

In January 1913, there were 9,489 officers and 128,607 ratings, the total being 138,096.

In January of this year there were 8,550 officers and 83,799 ratings or a total of 102,314.—British Wireless Service.

## BOMBAY'S MILLS.

## STRIKE SITUATION WORSE.

Bombay, Yesterday. The mill strike situation is growing worse, and in consequence strikers are succeeding in calling out other workers.

Twenty mills are now idle and 40,000 are on strike. This is twice the number that came out on strike on April 16, and the news comes as something of a surprise after yesterday's report that 16,000 had returned to work.—Reuter.

## ARBITRATION.

## ITALO-AMERICAN TREATY SIGNED.

Rome, Yesterday. The Italo-American Treaty has been signed at Washington.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE BOLLWORM.

## IMPORTANT COTTON DISCOVERY.

## GOVERNMENT ACTION.

New York, Yesterday.

Following the discoveries of an outbreak of the cotton pink bollworm, the Department of Agriculture has quarantined nine plantations in Texas as from April 25.

The regulations prohibit the outward movement of cotton seed from the area affected and require the destruction of cotton seed.

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Wednesday, 26th April.

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Friday, 27th April.

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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles.

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RAKUYO MARU .... Thursday, 31st May.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town &amp; Ports.

Thursday, 10th May.

HAKATA MARU .... Friday, 27th April.

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Tuesday, 16th May.

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KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	M'reilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
MALWA	10,986	28th May	Bombay, M'reilles & London
TAJPORE	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
DELTA	8,007	9th June	M'reilles, London & Antwerp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay
BAHFURD	10,801	23rd June	Bombay, M'reilles & London
NOVARA	6,969	30th June	M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	M'reilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	10,610	21st July	Bombay, M'reilles & London
NANKIN	7,058	28th July	M'ller, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,935	4th Aug.	M'reilles, London & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	10,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, M'reilles & London
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ALPORE	5,273	1st May	Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKLIMA	7,936	7th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TANDA	6,968	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,969	8th May	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
DELTA	8,007	11th May	Shih, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	7,754	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
ANTURA	10,601	25th May	Shih, Kehu & Yokohama.
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### REWARD FOR SAVING SHIPMATE'S LIFE.

### SWANSEA PRESENTATION.

A story of a sailor's splendid bravery in saving a shipmate's life was told at the Swansea Docks Exchange, when the Mayor of Swansea (Councillor E. W. Howells), on behalf of British Tankers, Ltd., presented a silver watch and chain and a cheque for £20 to Able Seaman F. Preese, of Swansea, for saving the life of A. T. Morgan.

Mr. Wilfred Thomas (president of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce) presided over the ceremony, and Paymaster Lieut.-Commander W. L. Owen, of the Board of Trade, Swansea, explained that Preese and Morgan were seamen on board the tanker "British Lord," now in port at Swansea, and, on November 14, Morgan was painting down the fore topmast stay when he was seen falling from a height of from 45 to 50 feet. Preese rushed forward and, breaking his fall, caught him in his arms, just as he reached the deck. Morgan suffered from severe bruise and shock, but was able to resume duty in a couple of days, and Preese, who was also affected by shock, soon recovered. His lucky act undoubtedly stood unique in the annals of the Mercantile Marine.

Mr. J. Johnstone, local manager of British Tankers, Ltd., expressed the appreciation of the directors of Preese's bravery.

The Mayor, making the presentation, said he was proud of Preese, because he was a Swander.

The gifts were handed over amid applause from a large gathering of members of the Exchange, and Preese modestly replied, "Thank you, sir," adding that the cheque would come in useful.

Mr. George Gunning, treasurer of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union, on behalf of the president (Mr. Haweck Wilson) joined in the tribute, and said if more employers of labour, instead of looking to others to recognise deeds of bravery in the ranks of their men, acted like the British Tankers' Company it would tend to create a better feeling and bring more peace in industry.

The concessionary arrangements now in operation in South Wales include:

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The dues on vessels in South Wales are amongst the lowest in the country, and this further concession should have an immediate and cumulative effect in stimulating the overseas trade of South Wales and its hinterland.

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#### BIRTH.

HUTTON.—On April 15, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton, a daughter (still born).

#### MARRIAGE.

BISHOP-WHITMORE.—On Saturday, April 14, at Community Church, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. L. Boynton, Kathleen Whitmore to James Frederick Bishop.

#### DEATHS.

GAUNT.—On April 12, at Hangchow, died suddenly, Helen, the beloved wife of the Rev. T. Gaunt, of the Church Missionary Society.

ANDERSEN.—On Sunday, April 16, at his residence, 383 Route de Sleyes, Shanghai, Claus Laurits Andersen, aged 78.

MURRAY.—On April 16, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, John Tullibardine Murray, Captain s.s. "Ninghsia," aged 60 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 21, 1928.

#### SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

It is quite refreshing to read what Mr. K. L. Chau, as president of the Euro-American Returned Students' Union, had to say of the students' aspirations now that they have returned to their native land. These young men might easily be a power for good in their respective native countries, but enter upon their life's work in the proper spirit. Their wider outlook on affairs generally should

men, who are indisputably the most ignorant of European people. Only very ignorant people would tolerate the conditions of Communism. But the all-important point to bear in mind is that the Soviet leaders, so foolishly obsessed by Bolshevism, still cling to their intention to interfere in the affairs of other nations and to foment as much agitation as they possibly can. They seem to be incapable of realising that because their countrymen have just emerged from serfdom, where they were treated in the way that serfs and slaves have almost invariably been treated, that other nations require similar bolstering-up. The fallacy is ludicrous in the extreme, and none the less so because comparatively small groups of more or less fanatical people are to be found to listen to the Russians' ridiculous plans for the introduction of a Utopia. So long as Russian gold flows, so long will individuals be ready to ally themselves with even the maddest of schemes. However, for the sake of good government, such individuals should, when fitting opportunity presents itself, be dealt with in the Courts in such a way as to cause others to think twice before allowing their greed for gold to usurp whatever sense they may possess in furthering the doctrine of fanatical "Reds."

Quite an unexpected turn has been given to the discussion in the House of Commons on the Bill which has as its object the granting of the British suffrage to women of twenty-one years, thus placing them on an equality with men in that respect. The surprise came in the opposition, mild though no doubt it was, of supporters of the Government. They argued not only that the suffrage should not be given to women under twenty-five years but that the law should be altered to include men in that category. This request seemed to be altogether too much for Conservatives as a whole, and they rejected the suggestion very decisively. But is it so "revolutionary"? We doubt it. For how many men or women under twenty-five (to say nothing of the many of that age and over it) know sufficient about politics to be able to vote intelligently? Precious few, and much fewer in these jazzing days than, say, a decade ago. Quite obviously the granting of the franchise to callow youths of both sexes at the age of twenty-one is little more than electioneering tactics or, to call "a spade a spade" and not an "agricultural implement," mere vote-catching trickery.

VICTORY FOR RISKO.

HIS BOAST—"I WILL BEAT TUNNEY, TOO."

New York.—Tex Rickard's search for a worthy challenger for Gene Tunney, world's heavy-weight champion, received another setback here when neither Johnny Risko nor Jack Sharkey could produce a knock-out punch after a wrestling hit-and-miss battle of 15 rounds. Johnny Risko, the Austrian-born Cleveland baker boy, gained a narrow points verdict over the favourite, Jack Sharkey.

The heavy-weight position now assumes a most interesting aspect as far as the British Empire challenger, Tom Heeney, is concerned. It is a remarkable fact that whereas "Honest Tom" a fortnight ago drew a gate of \$40,000 and a crowd of 20,000 people the encounter attracted only 10,000 mildly interested spectators, who saw a very mediocre fight.

It is thus evident that apart from Tunney, or Dempsey, Tom Heeney is Tex Rickard's best drawing card.

No official announcement has yet been made by Tex Rickard, who watched the fight with a frown of dissatisfaction until the fourteenth round, when he left in disgust.

It is expected he will match Heeney with Risko.

Risko, after the fight, said: "I can lick Tunney, too, just as I did Sharkey. He beat me to a decision two years ago and I could wipe him now. If, however, they want me to fight Heeney I'll be ready any time."—Reuter.

#### "POPPY DAY."

£500,000 RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

H.R.H.'S WISH.

To the Editor of the "China Mail":

March 21, 1928.

Dear Sir:—A great deal of interest has been shown by the public as to whether the 1927 Poppy Day Appeal total would reach the half million aimed at, and suggested by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the £500,000 mark has been passed, and I feel sure you will be pleased to have the enclosed details.

We shall greatly value your help in giving publicity to these details in your columns.

Yours very truly,

W. G. WILCOX,  
Captain, Organising Secretary,  
Appeal Department, British Legion.

PRINCE'S WISH FULFILLED.

Poppy Day Total Over £500,000.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when speaking on the Wireless on the evening of November 10 last year in support of the Poppy Day Appeal, said:—

"We bought so many Poppies last year and so nearly reached the total of £500,000, that surely we can do a little better this year and realise the half million to-morrow. So will each one of you give a little more for your Poppy than you did last year?"

Give even a little more than you can afford, remembering that even if it is a sacrifice, it is a small one compared with theirs, and that in so giving we are keeping alive that spirit of unselfish comradeship in which they so gallantly went away, willingly gave of their best, and often of their all. In the name of those dear who have lost and for the sake of those who are still with us but in such trying need, I ask you to be very generous to-morrow."

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Prince's wish has been fulfilled, and to-day Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1 make it known that the total received to date in respect of Poppy Day, 1927, is just over £504,000 a figure which speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors, and the enthusiastic and efficient services rendered by many thousands of voluntary workers. Even this is not the final total, as collections made in several far distant overseas places have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of £504,000, no less than £27,000 was contributed in Greater London, £262,362 in the English and Welsh Counties, £76,891 in Scotland, £14,000 in Ireland, and £63,891 by British Communities overseas. Of the remaining £14,000 passengers on British Liners at sea on November 11 last gave £3,970, followers of Hounds (by means of "Caps") £2,787, and by sales of Flanders Poppy Wreaths, etc., £7,234.

Space does not permit mention being made of more than a few of the outstanding collections received, but the following indicate the spirit of enthusiasm in which overseas collections were made: British Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,925, the Gold Coast £3,765, Nigeria £3,311.

Many collections on liners were extraordinarily good, £429 being received from the s.s. "Edinburgh Castle," £419 from the s.s. "Rajputana," and £200 from the s.s. "Almanzora." Practically without exception, poppy sales were arranged on every British liner at sea on Remembrance Day.

Collections in the English and Welsh Counties were outstandingly successful, the aggregate totals showing an advance on the previous year of 25 per cent. The following are a few of the principal amounts received: Birmingham £11,035, Manchester £8,170, Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434, Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,609, Hull £1,836, Southend £1,803, Bourne £1,805, Newcastle £1,666, Nottingham £1,293, Northampton £1,288, and Leicester £

## UNFAITHFUL WIFE.

YOUNG HUSBAND'S DEATH.  
"FOUND DROWNED."

A 19-year-old Chinese fisherman of Aberdeen named Cheng Tsui-hi; whose body was found in the harbour off Kailungwan (Sandy Bay) on April 11, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The dead man's 16-year-old wife, whom he married a little over a year ago, gave evidence. She made a straightforward confession of having committed misconduct with her father-in-law and two of the latter's sons. She did not think that her husband knew of her infidelity, however. The girl also said that she believed that her husband committed suicide but not because of her. He was half-witted, but had always treated her well and was very fond of her. When he left the boat at 10 a.m., on April 8, he did not say anything to her, but his manner was unusual. He was not angry with her.

The deceased's father denied that he had misconducted himself with his daughter-in-law. His son was a dull and stupid man. The witness had no reason to believe that his son's wife had been unfaithful to him. As far as he knew they had never quarrelled. He could not offer any reason why his daughter-in-law should make such a serious allegation against him. When his son did not return at 8 p.m., he reported to the police.

## Body Found.

On April 11 the witness was at Wanchai when a foki reported finding his son's body at Kailungwan and he went there and brought the remains to Aberdeen.

The father added that he had no reason to believe that his son committed suicide. He usually roamed about in his silly moods, and it was possible he had fallen into the harbour.

Fan Tai, one of the fokis of the father's boat who found the deceased's body at Kailungwan, admitted that he had committed misconduct with the dead man's wife, but he also did not think the husband knew of it.

A small boy working for the deceased's father said that he saw the dead man outside a teahouse, and was told: "You go fishing, don't wait for me." Ah Tai (the deceased) was very angry when he said this, and the witness gathered that he had no intention of returning to the boat.

## Doctor's Evidence.

Mr. Alexander Cannon who held the post mortem said that death was due to drowning. There were no marks on the body other than two cuts going down as far as the scalp. These could not have caused death and were probably caused after death by the body being washed against rocks.

The dead body was poor physically. There was marked tuberculous pneumonia present in both lungs. When a man was in such condition it often led to acute mania. At the time of death the man might have been temporarily insane and got into the water without knowing what he was doing.

The Coroner decided to return a verdict of "found drowned." He said that it was impossible to determine whether the deceased had committed suicide, or death was due to acute mania which caused him to walk into the harbour and thus meet his death by misadventure.

## THE ELECTRON.

GIRTON FOUNDERS' LECTURE.

Cambridge.—The first founders' memorial lecture at Girton College, Cambridge, was delivered by Sir J. J. Thomson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Professor of Physics.

In introducing the lecturer, Lady Stephen explained that a former student of Girton had given an endowment for a lecture to be delivered annually in honour of their founders. The lectures would, they hoped, perform the function of a memorial window. They would be a monument of their affection and gratitude, and they would let in the light.

Sir Joseph Thomson, in his lecture, said some recent experiments, especially those made by Professor G. P. Thomson on the passage of electrons through very thin films of metal, had thrown quite a new light on the nature of the electron. They had proved that uniformly moving electron was accompanied by a train of waves which preceded and guided it; the electron following in the wake of the waves. Thus the electron, like light, had a dual structure, one part containing the energy being corpuscular, while the other part controlling and guiding the path was undulatory. The waves which accompanied the electron vibrated more rapidly than the hardest X-ray rays. The only rays ap-

## WILL DISPUTE.

BARHAM OF "INGOLDSBY LEGENDS."  
£60,000 FORTUNE.

Further evidence was called in the proceedings concerning the fortune, between £60,000 and £70,000, of Mr. Francis William Robbins Barham, late of Treewm, Letterston, Pembrokeshire, and Clyde-road, Croydon, who died, at the age of 86, in December 1926.

The plaintiff, a son, Mr. Cyril Hugh Sackville Barham, of Kingsley-avenue, Ealing, W., claimed to be one of the persons entitled, in the event of an intestacy, to share in the estate.

He also claimed to be entitled to a life interest in a part of the estate under settlements, and alleged that a will of July 24, 1912, and nine codicils were not duly executed as his father at the time was not of sound testamentary capacity. The defendants, Mr. David Jenyns Evans and Mr. Henry Isaac Cundy, as executors, propounded the will and codicils.

Mr. F. W. R. Barham, it was said, had eccentric and whimsical ideas.

He was called "the wolf," his wife "the little wolf," his daughters "the cat" and "the pullet," his son was called "the wolf cub," the housekeeper "the hyena," and a woman companion "the panther."

In the final codicil Mr. Barham cut out entirely his son, his wife, and other members of the family, and left his money to the children of a niece, or condition that they remained or became Protestants.

Mr. Frederick Beaumont Morgan, a solicitor, gave evidence of receiving instructions for the will, which was duly executed.

The children of the niece, Mrs. Squire, he said, were Roman Catholics. They had changed their name to Barham, in accordance with the will, but not their religion.

A managing clerk of the previous witness, Mr. Edward Francis, was cross-examined by Mr. Norman Birrell (for the son).

The father, he stated, said nothing about one of his ancestors having been mad.

Did he say nothing about an ancestor?—I had an idea that Barham of the "Ingoldsby Legends" was a member of the family.

The hearing was adjourned.

## AGENT &amp; MASTER.

"THINGS THEY DON'T DO AT KEDLESTON."

LORD SCARSDALE SUED.

Lord Scarsdale, of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, was sued for damages by Mr. Hector Ian Mackenzie, of Verulam-buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C., his former land agent, who alleged that he had been wrongfully dismissed.

Mr. E. Hancock explained that Mr. Mackenzie was appointed at a salary of £500 a year and a house rent free.

There were petty disputes between him and Lord Scarsdale, who would occasionally countermand an order he had given.

Last November Lord Scarsdale said they obviously could not get on together, adding, "You don't suit me as an agent," and told Mr. Mackenzie that he would have to leave at the end of January, 1928.

Mr. Mackenzie said he was entitled to at least six months' notice, and protested against being treated as "one of his lordship's flunkies."

Lord Scarsdale replied: "There's the door. Don't give me the trouble of telling my servants to put you out."

Mr. Mackenzie, added counsel, was just over 50 and Lord Scarsdale was young enough to be his son.

Further interviews took place in the estate office, but on January 3 the butler asked Mr. Mackenzie to meet Lord Scarsdale in the business room at Kedleston Hall. Mr. Mackenzie wrote saying that he had never been shown the door of any house before and did not intend to give Lord Scarsdale an opportunity of repeating the incident.

The solicitors later wrote stating that Lord Scarsdale was justified in dismissing Mr. Mackenzie without further notice as he had refused to obey his reasonable orders.

Evidence was then given. Questioned about the suggestion that Mr. Mackenzie might have been thrown out of the house, Lord Scarsdale replied: "Throwing out is more connected with public houses and theatres. Things like that don't happen at Kedleston." The hearing was adjourned.

Approaching them in this respect were the rays from radio-active substances. Those results showed that the early conception of the electron as a point charge of negative electricity surrounded by a structureless medium could not be adequate. The electron or its surroundings must be much more complex; there must be something beyond the electron.

## "BANISH MY PAST."

YOUNG MAN'S DRAMATIC PLEA TO APPEAL JUDGES.

"CESSPOOL OF LONDON."

A well-dressed young man named Richard Borcham Barham made a dramatic appeal against a sentence of 21 months' hard labour passed on him at the Essex Quarter Sessions for obtaining, by false pretences, 10s. from the rector of Great Easton, Essex.

Borcham, who begged the court to banish from their minds his past criminal history, argued that 21 months in a local prison, to come out into this "cesspool of London," was not conducive to reformation. Stating that he would do honest work if he could get it, he alleged that he had "read with a Cambridge undergraduate," and added, "your learned conferees Lord Darling gave me a reference to a City solicitor, but I was not proficient and he gave me £1 a week. I have allowed myself to drift, and have not received the opportunities that many men get."

"Prisoner," said the Lord Chief Justice in giving judgment, "has been sent to a reformatory twice for theft and has been to gaol for six months for false pretences, and, with a little more courage and experience, he might become a dangerous criminal."

Looking particularly at Borcham's youth, they would reduce the term to one of 12 months' hard labour, but this would be the last time leniency would be shown to him.

## THE ROLLS-ROYCE.

PRINCE VISITS THE WORKS.

"HUSH-HUSH" ENGINE.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid an unofficial visit to the Rolls-Royce Works at Derby on Tuesday, February 21, 1928.

Arriving with the Mayor of Derby, he was received by Mr. Basil Johnson (Managing Director), Lieut.-Col. The Lord Herbert Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Director), Mr. A. Wormald, O.B.E. (Works Manager), along with Mr. A. J. Rowledge (Assistant Chief Engineer), Mr. W. M. Cowen (General London Manager), Mr. A. F. Sidgreaves (General Sales Manager), and Mr. J. De Looze (Secretary).

The first gracious act of His Royal Highness was to plant a tree in the new Memorial garden beside the Colonnade designed by Sir Herbert Baker, and erected in memory of the late Mr. Claude Johnson, the first Managing Director of the Company.

His Royal Highness made a tour of the principal portions of the works, expressing the greatest interest in the many unique manufacturing and testing processes through which both the chassis and aero engines produced at these famous works pass, and at the meticulous accuracy in the construction of the numerous detailed parts.

Perhaps the most interesting portion of the Prince's tour was the aero engine department of the works, where he was shown one of the latest Rolls-Royce aero engines, which has been designed by Mr. F. Henry Royce to fulfil the special requirements of the Air Ministry as regards great power combined with speed and reliability, for use in the latest types of aircraft by the Royal Air Force.

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## Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

"TO-DAY—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

"TO-DAY—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

"TO-DAY—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

"TO-DAY—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Social, at 7.30 p.m."

"APRIL 22—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m."

"APRIL 22—Further display of the "Contra-Dance" by the Sociedade Juvenil, at Club de Recreio, King's Park, 9 p.m."

"APRIL 22—Queen's Theatre; "The Quarterback."

"APRIL 22—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15."

"APRIL 22—Star Theatre; "Wild Beauty."

"APRIL 23—Entertainment to Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George.

"APRIL 23—Committee and Members of St. George's Society "At Home" to H.M. Force in Queen's and Star Theatres.

"APRIL 24—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

"APRIL 24—Star Theatre; "The General."

"APRIL 25—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall."

"APRIL 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohen and Kelly's in Paris."

"APRIL 26—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

"APRIL 30—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. dance, at Helena May Institute.

"LAMMERT'S Auction."

"APRIL 23—Miscellaneous goods, Sales Room, Duddell-st., 11 a.m."

"APRIL 26—Valuable Curios, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m."

"APRIL 27—Household furniture, 42, Humphreys-bldg, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m."

"SPORTS."

"TO-DAY—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m."

"TO-DAY—H.K. Football Assn.; Chinese Athletic v. R. N. 3.30 p.m.; Lai-Wah Cup final, 5 p.m."

"APRIL 28—Hong Kong Boxing Association's final tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m."

"MEETINGS."

"APRIL 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., at No. 42, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon."

"APRIL 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st., noon."

"APRIL 24—Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m."

"APRIL 24—Miscellaneous."

"APRIL 24—Laying of foundation stone for the erection and extension of the East wing of the H.K. University by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce."

"APRIL 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg. by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m."

"WAR FILMS."

"Whatever else may emerge from the controversy surging round the expediency of war films, one thing is certain, the film as a factor in modern life is being taken seriously," says the London "Daily Telegraph."

Now that it is seen to have power to bring about international complications it attains a new importance. We have already expressed the view that no good, but rather harm, is done by the prolongation of embittered war memories, and we welcomed accordingly the ban placed upon the exhibition of the Nurse Cavell film.

The letter from Captain Berkeley, the author of the film, does not, in our opinion, affect the larger view of what was fittingly expressed by the Earl of Birkenhead in his letter.

Nor does that view need to be modified because it is announced that a film entitled "The World War Through German Spectacles"

has been passed by the Board of Film Censors and is shortly to be shown in London. Rather must it be reiterated. Among other incidents said to be depicted in this German film is the shelling of Paris by "Big Bertha."

Its general purpose is presumably to show the war from the German stand-point.

It is surely carrying the English

temperament too far to forbid the exhibition of a picture depicting the heroic self-sacrifice of a noble Englishwoman if at the same time our own people are to be invited to witness a film glorifying the needs of our recent enemies.

What is at stake is not the merits or demerits of particular films, but broad question of principle.

Are we or are we not, to keep alive, by means of the film, the

memory of unhappy and terrible things belonging to the grim years of war?

If we desire to foster by every means those things which contribute to the peace and amity of the nations of the world we can see only one wise answer to that question, and we hope, therefore, that steps will be taken to reconsider, in the light of recent developments, the desirability of particular films, but broad question of principle.

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### LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Cheer 'O (Y.M.C.A.) dance which was postponed from April 23, is announced to take place on April 30, at the Helena May Institute.

In Canton on Thursday, Mr. Chu Shue-sing, son of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, was married, the ceremony being a quiet one. Later, at the Hotel Asia, a reception was held.

The National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham is shown in tomorrow's British topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre, which also includes views of Nelson's "Victory," glimpses of H.M.S. "Tiger" and Submarine L22 submerging with the King of Afghanistan on board.

With reference to the appeal for papers and periodicals for the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. the Committee wish it to be clearly understood that donations of money towards cost of same (or alternatively orders on news agents) will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary.

Yesterday evening a smoking concert was held at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, under the auspices of the Royal Artillery Association, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. An extremely well sustained programme reflected great credit on the artiste, which included Major Tuke, M.C., Lieut. Musson, W. O. Macdonald, B.S.M., Broadbridge, Sergt. Moore, Alvey, and Leach, L/Cpl. Stewart, Edt. Quinn and Pte. Brown, all of whom were deservedly applauded for their entertaining items.

At the St. Andrew's Church Hall, yesterday evening, a social was held under the auspices of the gentlemen of the Church vestry. The many that attended spent a very enjoyable evening, all taking part in the games and competitions in cheery spirit. At the conclusion, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar of Kowloon, in a short speech, thanked those responsible for the social for managing it so ably and also expressed regret of the departure for Home of two ardent worshippers at St. Andrew's, Mr. C. Mitchell and Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

"Sir Arthur Sullivan was a great composer of comic opera, but in Church music he never wrote anything worth a cuss," declared Dr. E. C. Bairstow, organist of York Minster, in an adjudication on church choirs at the Carlisle musical festival. The choirs had sung Sullivan's anthem "Love the Lord." Dr. Bairstow said that this effusion was the feeblest type of Victorian music. Stupid, nonsensical music had driven thousands of people out of church. No intelligent person was going to listen to such music sung in a complacent way to-day.

New York.—Miss Peggy Joyce, the blonde who is famous for her marriages and jewels, has bought the largest blue diamond in the world. The trinket cost her \$60,000. The stone has been set in a close-fitting necklace made of a single line of platinum links encrusted with small diamonds, an adornment so flexible that the huge jewel gleams with every movement. The diamond, weighing 127 carats, is more than an inch square, and is named the "Black Starr Frost Diamond," after the company that obtained the jewel from the Kimberley mines 15 years ago. Miss Joyce (who has had four marriages dissolved) has not been allowed to buy this unique addition to her collection without a report spreading that there is yet another romance budding in her life. But this rumour she herself does not confirm.

After dining in a public house in Canning Town, E., recently, Prince Henry, (now the Duke of Gloucester) attended a boxing contest in the hall adjoining Mansfield House University Settlement. He remained there after the boxing was over, and it was 12.30 a.m. before, surrounded by a crowd of enthusiastic young men, to whom he had been talking in the Settlement, he drove off. He dined first at the Ordnance Arms. The party included members of the Settlement. The menu was soup, fish, chicken, and cheese, and with his dinner Prince Henry drank a glass of beer. The party then walked across the road to the settlement, where, in the midst of an audience of young men employed in every kind of work, Prince Henry watched the boxing. It was in aid of the Lady Trouser sports ground for the Settlement. Prince Henry stayed for more than an hour after the last contest and visited every part of the building, taking great interest in the activities. He chatted with young men in the reading room—dockers and stevedores—some of whom had no idea that a royal visitor would see them at their evening's recreation.

### GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Chittagong, April 20.—A Mahomedan has stabbed to death the district magistrate, Mr. G. H. W. Davies.—Reuters.

Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling, M.B.E., has been re-appointed to the Midwives Board for a further three years from April 22.

The Middlesbrough Watch Committee has advised police officers who own or drive motor vehicles to insure against third party risks.

Mr. S. H. Ross has been appointed by the Supreme Court liquidator, in addition to Mr. J. Honnessey Seth, for the Kam Wing Bank, Hong Kong.

The name of Dr. (Miss) Martha Hunter Hoahing, L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

The first performance of the centenary revival of Ibsen's play "Hedda Gabler" took place at the Everyman Theatre, N.W., the characters being dressed in the picturesque costumes of the period.

Two honorary aides-de-camp to H.E. the Governor have been appointed. They are Subedar Major Sultan Ahmed, 3/15th Punjab Regiment, and Subedar Major Mungul Singh, Hong Kong & Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery.

Unless cause is shown to the contrary within three months, the following companies will be struck off the register and dissolved:—The General Exchange Co., Ltd., Colonial Commercial Co., Ltd., The Sedan Co., Ltd., Yue Tak Co., Ltd.



HENRY MILLER, WASH. D.C.

Alexander P. Moore, of Pittsburgh, who it is rumored will succeed Miles Poindexter as Ambassador to Peru.

Yesterday evening, the Blue Funnel Liner, s.s. "Bellphon" sailed for Liverpool, with a further contingent of troops sent to China during the recent trouble in the North. The party consisted of the entire engine repair section of the R.A.F., with an addition of six men from the Kai Tak Aerodrome. Totaling 72 men, they sail under the command of F. O. Jones, who is the only officer in the batch. The engine section was stationed at the Cameron-road camp while in Kowloon.

It had to come. The great new Orang-utan at the London Zoo is to be renamed. He reached England with the name "Ginger," which was bestowed—or rather plastered on him by the irreverent sailors in his ship. When we really saw him in the comparative freedom of the Experimental Apes House, it was clear that this sprightly term did not fit him in the slightest. He is dignified—majestic almost. No one ever smiled when he swung himself about the great cage with his 10ft. stretch of arms. He surrounded himself with an atmosphere of calm power, which was almost terrific, and "Ginger" suited him no better than "Flossie" fits a thunderbolt. It is practically decided that his new name shall be Marcus.

Gross estate amounting to £35,065 was left by Mr. James Orange, of Gray's Inn-square, formerly of Hong Kong, who died on September 27 last. Included in the bequests are gifts of paintings, water colours etc. to the Victoria and Albert Museum, S. Kensington, and of other paintings, lacquer prints etc. to the British Museum; £200 to the Bishop of Hong Kong for charitable purposes and £100 each to the Italian Convent and St. Paul's Institution. Another private concern, the estate of Mr. David Gubbay, of Hertford-street, Mayfair, W., formerly of Hong Kong, who left £57,582 unsettled. Deceased was a director of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia and of the African Mercantile Company.

There are 68 undefended divorce cases, including one nullity suit, down for hearing, at Birmingham Assizes, thirty-eight of the petitioners being wives.

Damages of £1,000 were awarded in the King's Bench Division to the wife of Dr. Alfred L. Suchs, of Winpole-street, W., against Mr. Frederick Eastman, of Lausanne, Peckham, S.E., for injuries received by her in a motor-car collision on November 14, 1926.

The international golf match was recently won by England, who defeated Siam. Afterwards the King distributed the golf prizes won during the year. Several of these were won by Siamese ladies. The King, in the course of a humorous speech, confessed to his fondness for the game.

The death occurred on the 16th inst. at the Shanghai General Hospital of Capt. Ian Tullibardine Murray, a relative of the Duke of Atholl, and a captain in the employ of the Ningpo-Shaohsing Steamship Co. Capt. Murray, who was well known on the coast, leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Never have the police made such a haul of gambling paraphernalia as at 5 Yates-road and 151 C Bubbling Well-road, Shanghai, as last Sunday afternoon, says the "N. C. D. News" to hand. Years ago the raid on the Alhambra yielded one wheel and that on the North Honan establishment one, which on examination proved to be fake; capable of being stopped unpreserved at any point. There is nothing of this sort in the places raided on Sunday, but evidence enough that the gambling must have been a lucrative business. Seven different sorts of gaming tables were found in Yates-road and three in Bubbling Well-road.

That part of the docks of London known as the Wapping Basin was early one morning recently the scene of a fire which destroyed part of a building belonging to Harland and Wolff, Ltd., ship repairers and engineers, and used as a workshop. The fire occurred during a snow-storm. It was intensely cold and water from the hoses turned to icicles—some of them a foot long—when it fell on part of the burning building. Scores of men, women, and children wrapped in blankets left their homes in an adjacent street, as the flames threatened to spread. One gate at the docks had to be burst open, and Albert Chapman, a Port of London policeman, was injured in trying to climb over it. He was taken to London Hospital, but was able to go to his home after treatment. Lines of hose were run through an old burial ground and over the graves in the churchyard of St. John's Church.

Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, at the Junior Imperial League Conference, at the Albert Hall, Kensington, S.W., said: "You do not go into politics for what you can get. You go there for what you can give and do." He suggested to them as a catchword, "We have got to make democracy safe for the world." Democracy was on its trial. We had one immense advantage in having left to us the Crown. "You will never," he declared, "get that perfect democracy at which we aim until the whole people plays its part," and added: If at home in Great Britain in working our democracy we fail, what then? Our failure would shake the fabric of the universe. Never in our history had people in other lands looked to us more than they did to-day to give the world an example of well-ordered political progress, of the way a great people could hold together after such a time as we had passed through.

Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian aviator, who flew alone from England to Australia, in the record time of 16½ days, made a spectacular appearance on his arrival in Sydney from Brisbane with his usual punctuality. He was met by an escort of aeroplanes a little north of Sydney and, following the line of the beflagged harbour, proceeded to the Mascot Aerodrome, where more than 100,000 people were waiting. He had an uproarious reception. After an official speech of welcome from Mr. Bavin, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Hinkler visit the Governor, Sir Dudley De Chair, at Government House. He said that his flight was not a stunt, but a mission. He added: "My little machine is a triumph of British workmanship and enterprise. It has kept faith with me and the great world of aviation." Mr. Hinkler's machine, an Avro-Avian, with a Cirrus engine of only 30-36 h.p., made at Croydon, was designed for the "Daily Mail" light aeroplane competition two years ago. "It worked like a dream," said Mr. Hinkler on his arrival at Port Darwin on February 22. "It never even gave a single miss."

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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SEND IT HOME!

This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" covers all branches of activity in Hong Kong and South China. It is such a one that can be sent away to describe, in a good many respects, life in the Colony. Brimful of interest, this number of the "Overland" is also worth keeping handy for future reference. Subjects dealt with include the following:

Opening of the Nationalist drive against Peking (with comment and footnotes to elucidate matters for non-Chinese). Marshal Li Chai-sum's return to Canton. Legislative Council business. Sanitary Board meeting.

Annual inspection of Police and Fire Brigade. Police Reserve, with presentations and H.E.'s address. Conclusion of visit of Japanese Fleet. Kowloon affairs.

Piracy of another coastal steamer. Lobo v. Lee Hysan libel case judgment. Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals meeting. Several public company meetings.

In addition to the above, the "Overland," as usual, contains the week's local news, the Far Eastern cables, names of residents gone on leave, sports articles, wedding reports and obituary notices.

#### WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going home or leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

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# Sport Columns

## VARSITY BOXING.

HOW CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

## CINGALESE LIGHTWEIGHT.

Cambridge.—The annual boxing contest between Oxford and Cambridge, held in the Corn Exchange here, resulted in a win for the Light Blues by six events to one.

There are apparently no heavyweight boxers in either of the universities this year, for the first contest staged was between two bantam-weights, J. K. Alexander (Oxford) and B. W. Ormond (Cambridge).

Alexander, the winner, was much the more enterprising, but the bout on the whole, was a slow and rather a poor one.

The feather-weight contest between J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) and D. F. Gleed (Cambridge) was a stern affair. When the bell went Gleed charged from his corner and inflicted so much punishment that within a minute Broadbent was in obvious distress.

The Oxford representative was knocked down twice in the first round and three times in the second, and was so completely out-classed that after a total of four minutes the contest was stopped by the referee. Gleed's display did him the utmost credit.

Cambridge won the light-weight event by reason of the excellence of D. G. Obeyesekere, a Cingalese. His opponent, M. J. Bessell, was one of the most talented and rugged fighters of the match, but so superior was the Ceylon youth that in the final round it looked almost certain that Bessell would be knocked out. Few amateurs in England could hope to beat the Cingalese.

### Hard Thumping.

In the welter-weight contest the decision given to J. Shackleton (Cambridge) could only have been by a very narrow margin.

Hard thumping distinguished the middleweight contest, and the points victory of T. Wright (Cambridge), over D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) completed the evening for most of the spectators. Cambridge had then won the tournament by taking four of the seven events in succession. Results:

Bantam-weight.—J. K. Alexander (Oxford) beat B. W. Ormond (Cambridge) on points.

Feather-weight.—D. F. Gleed (Cambridge) beat J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) in the second round.

Light-weight.—D. G. Obeyesekere (Cambridge) beat M. J. Bessell (Oxford) on points.

Welter-weight.—J. Shackleton (Cambridge) beat J. W. Leaning (Oxford) on points.

Middle-weight.—T. Wright (Cambridge) beat D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) on points.

Light-heavy-weight.—B. R. Armitage (Cambridge) beat F. A. Richardson (Oxford) on points.

Heavy-weight.—J. L. G. Wall (Cambridge) beat B. J. Bevan (Oxford) in the second round.

## LOCAL BOXING.

### FINE PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association will hold its final tournament at the Lee Theatre, Percival-street, on Saturday, April 28. The programme is as follows:

15 round light weight championship of the Colony and belt; Stoker Lake (H.M.S. "Durban") v. A. B. Davies (H.M.S. "Hermes").

10 round light-heavy weight contest; Marine Smith (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. A. B. Bromley (H.M.S. "Wishart").

6 round light weight contest; L. S. Hall (H.M.S. "Titania") v. A. B. Mudge (H.M.S. "Berwick").

6 round feather weight contest; Stoker Britz (H.M.S. "Durban") v. Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.).

6 round bantam weight contest; Stoker Walters (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. Edman, McConnell (K.O.S.B.).

## THE V.R.C.

### NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, Mr. W. Logan presiding, the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Stewart.

General Committee: Messrs. W. Logan, A. Silva Netto, A. A. Alves, A. Anderson, G. Razavet, D. Lyon, P. W. Ramsay, F. A. Dixon, and J. R. Soares.

Balloting Committee: Messrs. C. Bond, A. Marcal, B. J. Moore, H.

## RENE LACOSTE.

### DOUBTFUL ABOUT WIMBLEDON.

### ILLNESS EXPLAINED.



Rene Lacoste.

Paris.—Rene Lacoste, the famous lawn-tennis player, whose illness has led to alarming reports, has made clear his position and his plans.

He is not yet sure if he will compete at Wimbledon, but will do so if he is able.

Lacoste has had two months in bed, and although he is now able to get out he looks pale and far from well. He does not expect to

## A BOOKMAKER?

TAX CLAIMED ON TOTALISATOR INVESTMENTS.

### A ROBOT.

A test case raising the question whether a company owning a totalisator is a bookmaker within the meaning of Sections 16 and 18 of the Finance Act, 1926, came before Mr. Justice Rowlett in the King's Bench Division.

The Judge said he would give his decision. "It's a puzzling little point," he stated.

It arose on an information filed by the Attorney-General against the Luncheon and Sports Club, Ltd., the proprietors of the Stadium Club, of High Holborn.

The Attorney-general alleged that the company, which has a totalisator, is a club to register the wagering operations of members on horse racing, and comes within the definition of a bookmaker, and that a betting tax of 3½ per cent. on all investments made on the club totalisator is payable by it, since the Act came into force on November 1, 1926.

The Solicitor-general, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., for the Crown, quoted the sections of the Finance Act applicable to the case. He said that the question for the Court was whether the money paid in respect of transactions recorded on a totalisator at the club was paid as bets which were subject to the betting duty.

### "Bets."

Section 16 of the Act provided that duty should be paid on every bet made with a bookmaker.

The duty was payable by the bookmaker who, under section 18, was described as—

"Any person who, whether on his own account or as servant or agent of any other person, carries on, whether occasionally or regularly, the business of receiving or negotiating bets, or who in any manner holds himself out, permits himself to be held out, in any manner as a person who receives or negotiates bets."

Section 18 described the expression "bet" as meaning "a bet on any event of any kind."

The Act, said the Solicitor-General, provided that a duty was to be levied and paid on every bet made with a bookmaker. The question arose whether a bet was made, whether the defendants were bookmakers, and whether a bet was made with a bookmaker.

"I hope your lordship will understand the working of this totalisator machine," remarked Sir Thomas Inskip, "because I myself am not very sure that I understand very much about it, even after the full instructions I have received."

Sir Thomas Inskip explained the organisation of the club, stating that the members were elected in the ordinary way, but their election was subject to confirmation by the company. At one end of the great hall of the club was the totalisator and the pari-mutuel. The gallery was used for the purposes of a restaurant and the floor of the hall as a boxing ring. The totalisator was a mechanical apparatus and was purely automatic. It was used on big race days, such as the Derby. The pari-mutuel was worked on exactly the same principle, except that it was operated by

hand. It was merely a blackboard with figures.

## SOCCER TRANSFERS.

### CHAMBERS JOINS THE ALBION.

### INTERNATIONAL FORWARD.

Harry Chambers, the famous Liverpool forward was transferred to West Bromwich Albion. Chambers has played for England at inside-left and at centre-forward. His last game for England was against Ireland in 1924. Liverpool have played Chambers at centre-half in their last two matches.

Liverpool completed negotiations with St. Johnstone for the transfer of McBain, the Scottish club's half-back. The fee is stated to have been in the neighbourhood of £3,000. McBain has played for Everton, Manchester United, and Ayr United.

Gillingham have transferred S. Meston, their outside right, to Everton, the northern club transferring G. Dominy, an inside right, to Gillingham.

Amos Dee, a half-back, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has also been transferred to Gillingham.

Mr. Tom Crumble, for thirty-four years secretary of the Leicester Rugby Club and known to everybody in the Rugby world, died at Leicester in mid week. He had been ill for some time, but his death came suddenly.

Until a few months ago he had missed only six of the Leicester club's matches, either at home or away, and then he was too unwell to attend.

Mr. Crumble raised the famous "Tigers" from a small beginning to the leading position they now occupy, combining a genius for organisation with a discriminating eye for players of promise.

It was through Mr. Crumble that Leicester adopted the seven-forward and eight-back formation which brought them many critics but a continuance of success.

### "TOM" CRUMBLE.

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Subsequently Falk gave himself up at St. Anne's-road Police Station, and expressed his regret for what he had done. He said he wished to make amends.

He had been under demand for a week for medical examination, and a certificate was now presented to the magistrates which stated that no evidence had been found of insanity or mental defect.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

### Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. An artificial person is a body of persons which has a corporate existence, e.g., a trading company, and has rights and liabilities similar to those of a private individual.

2. Allspice is berry of pimento, tree of West Indies; it is supposed to combine the flavours of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

3. The London Hospital is the largest in England.

4. U.S.A. were last at war with Great Britain 1812-1814.

5. King Edward VII. was Prince of Wales longer than any other sovereign.

6. Achilles statue, Hyde Park, London, was erected in honour of the Duke of Wellington.

### PEER'S HEIR.

### SENT TO PRISON AFTER JEWELLERY THEFT.

### AFTER DRINKING BOUT.

The Hon. Lawrence Falk, 32, son and heir of Lord Haldon was sent to prison for two months' hard labour by the Tottenham magistrates of stealing twenty-five rings, valued at £50, and other jewellery of the value of £20.

He was described as a shop assistant, of no fixed address, and the jewellery was the property of his employer, Mrs. Jenny Eayres, of High-road, Tottenham.

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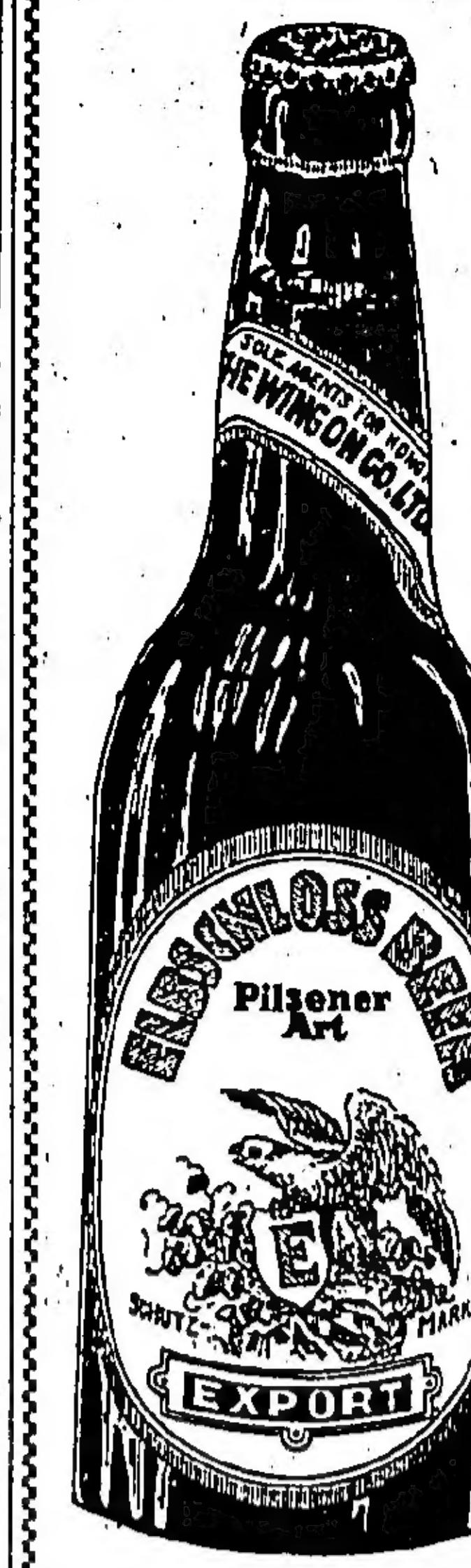
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Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 2/1/4

##### On Paris—

On demand ..... 1247½

Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 1322½

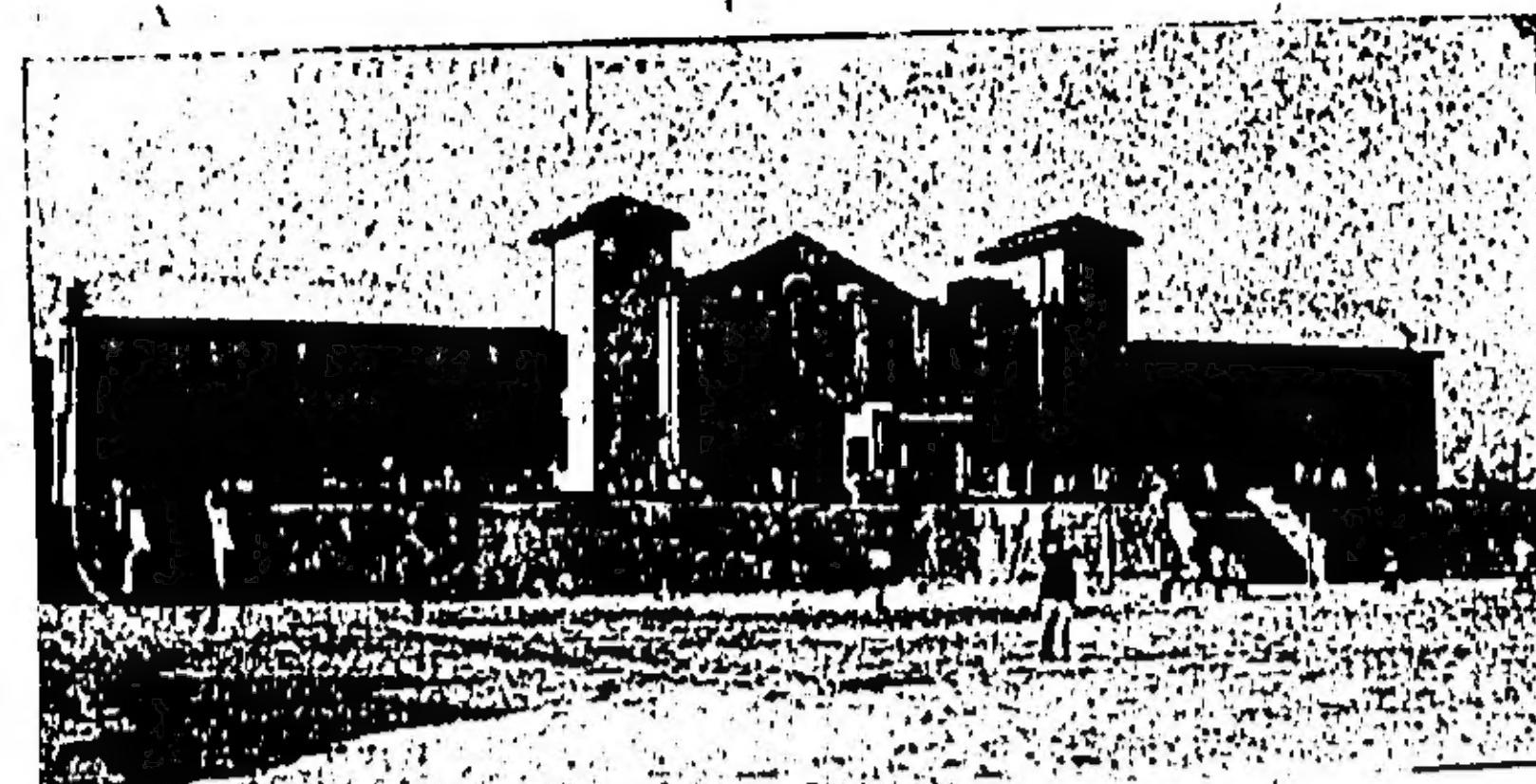
##### On Berlin—

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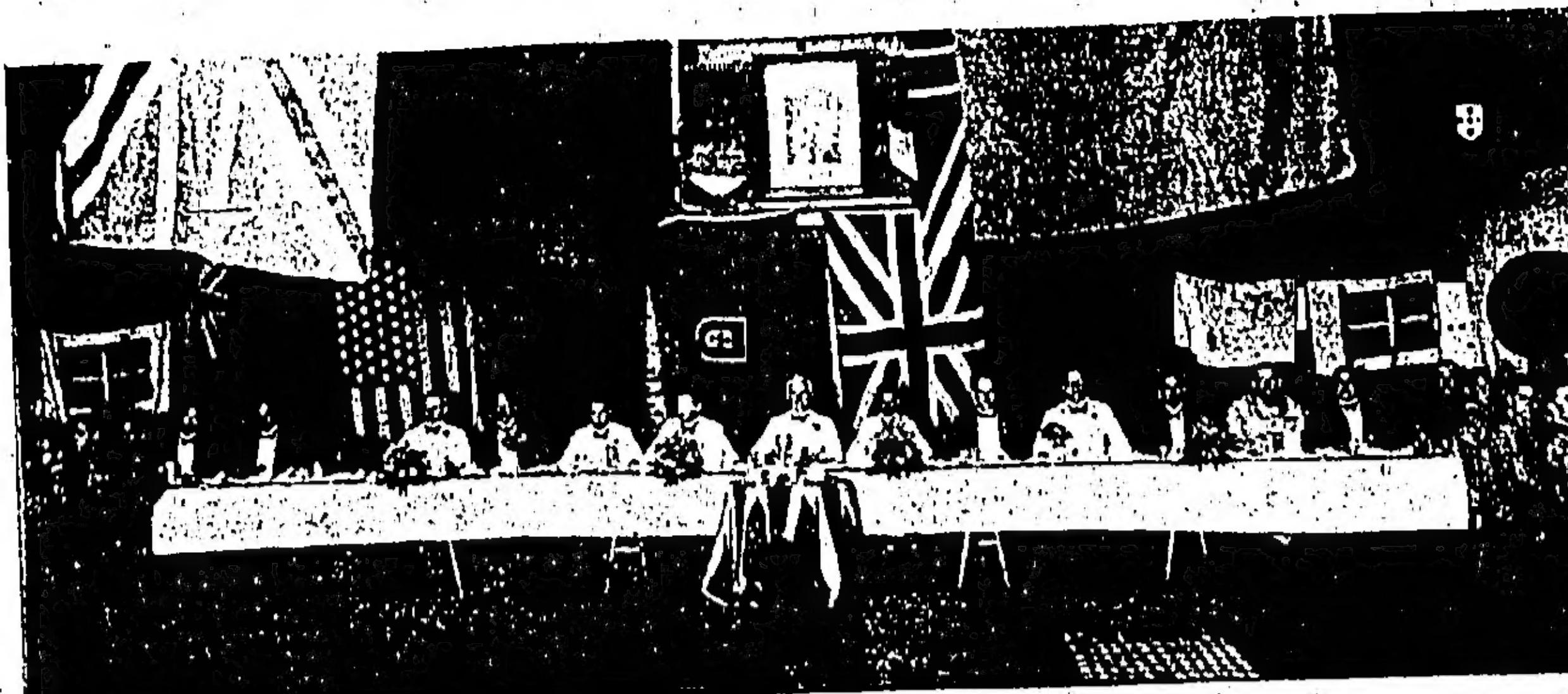
On New York—

On demand ..... 40½

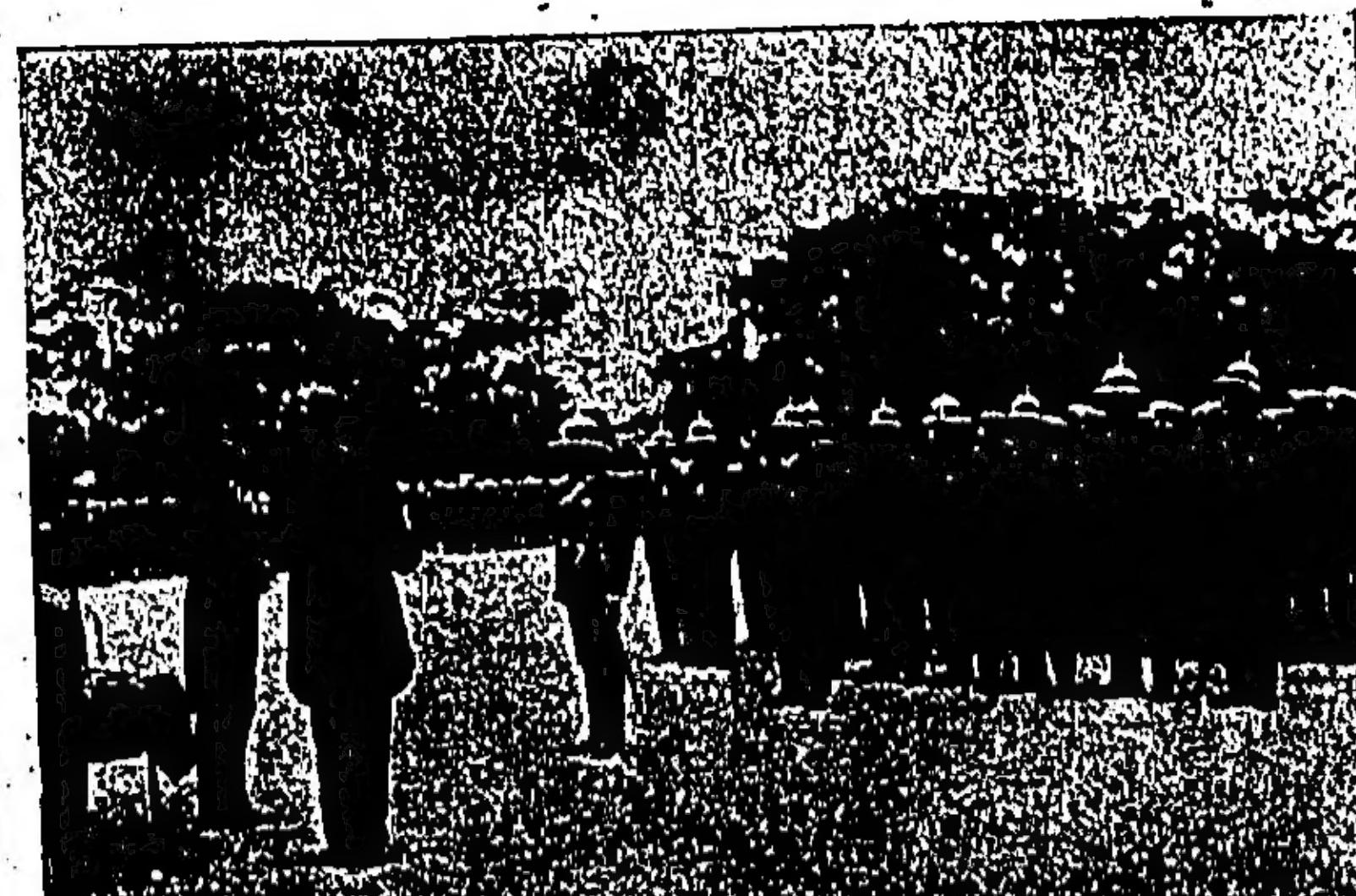
# THE WEEK'S NEWS IN PICTURES.



NEW DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HOMUNTIN.—Here a very successful "At Home" was held last Saturday afternoon, over 800 guests attending in response to the invitation of the Headmaster, Mr. Featherstone. Our picture gives a good idea of the spaciousness of the new building, with a part of the sports ground in the foreground. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



PORUGUESE COMPANY, H.K.V.D.C. — The Members of this Company, the "baby" unit of the Corps, are here seen at their first dinner, held last Saturday at the Volunteer Headquarters. Seated at the main table are, among others, Lieut.-Col. Bird, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the H.K.V.D.C., Captain F. Leitao, Officer Commanding the Portuguese Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps, Major Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., Adjutant, Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., commanding the Portuguese Company, and Lt. Norrie Owen. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



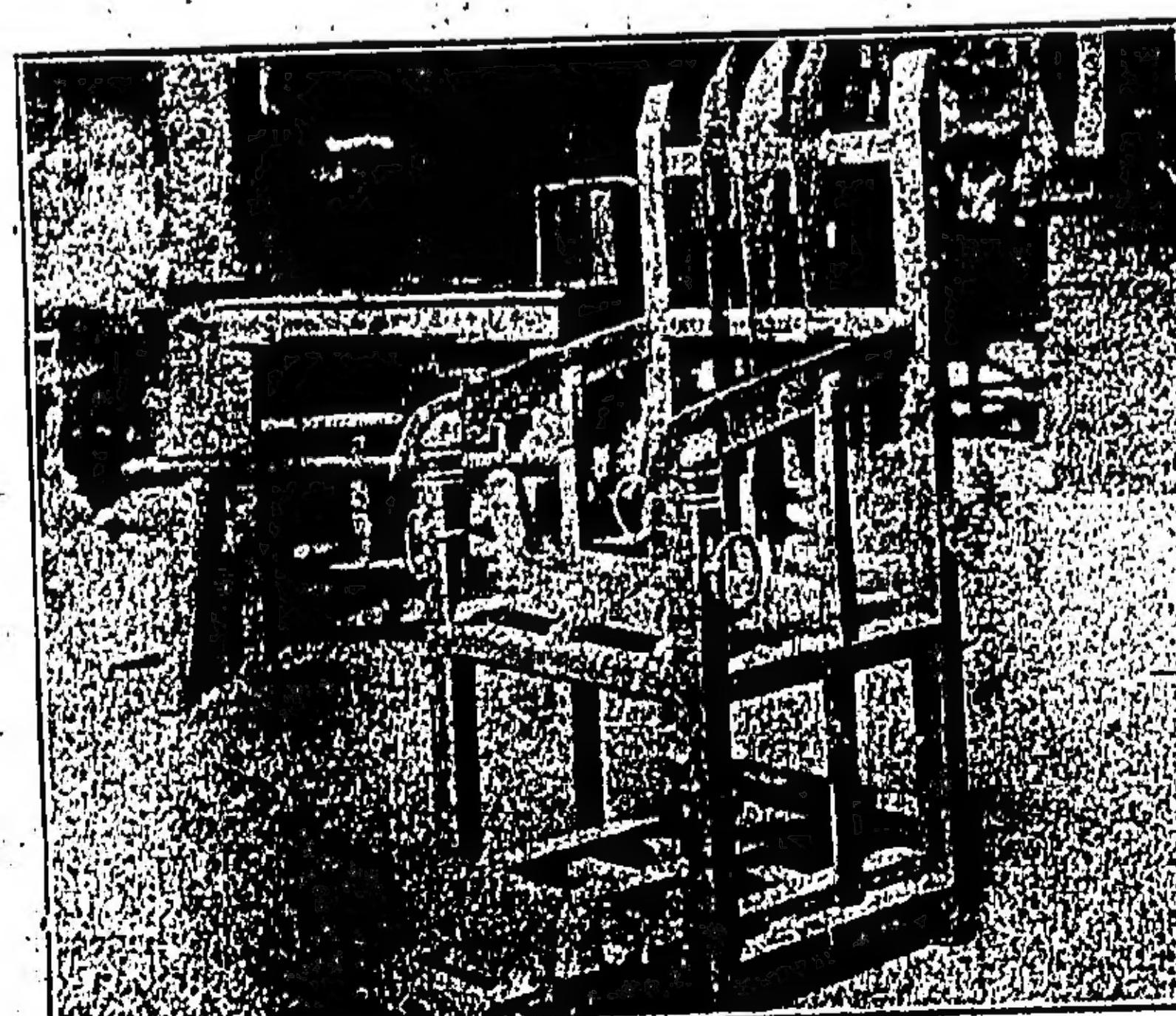
GOVERNOR INSPECTS POLICE.—H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) during the week inspected the Hong Kong Police Force as well as the Police Reserve, including the newly-formed Company of Sharpshooters. His Excellency is here seen presenting medals to a selected body of the Force. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, is standing in front of the recipients. (Photo: A. Fong.)



REMEDIOS — MONTALTO de JESUS.—A wedding of particular interest to the Portuguese community was that of Mr. Hermille H. dos Remedios to Miss Lucilla Montalto de Jesus, which took place on Sunday at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Included in the group are Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee and Mr. P. M. N. da Silva, and the following attendants on the bride.—The Misses Ellaline Osmund, Pacita Montalto de Jesus, Marie Eca da Silva, Carmen Xavier, Sylvia Remedios and Edith and Laura Nolasco da Silva. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



FERGUSON—FERGUSON.—The wedding of Miss L. Ferguson and Mr. J. C. Ferguson took place on April 11 at Union Church. Mrs. Lily H. Urquhart was Matron of Honour.



RARE "JOSS" CHAIR.—Many Chinese have this week paid tribute at a famous temple at Shaukiwan in which is this rare chair with the back, arm-rests, etc., made of swords. The "joss" chair is carried about in this chair when processions are held.



"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.—One of the principal trophies of the local soccer season which practically closed yesterday, won by Scotland.



FOX—HAMSON.—The wedding of Mr. Henry Leslie Fox and Miss Constance Bird Hamson at St. John's Cathedral last Saturday was attended by large numbers of the younger community of which the bride and bridegroom are popular members. Among those in the picture are Mr. R. H. Hamson, father of the bride, Mr. G. Kelly, Best Man, Miss E. Fox, sister of the bride-groom, and the Rev. N. V. Halward who officiated. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.—The senior unofficial member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils, Hong Kong, whose questions to the Government have attracted wide attention.



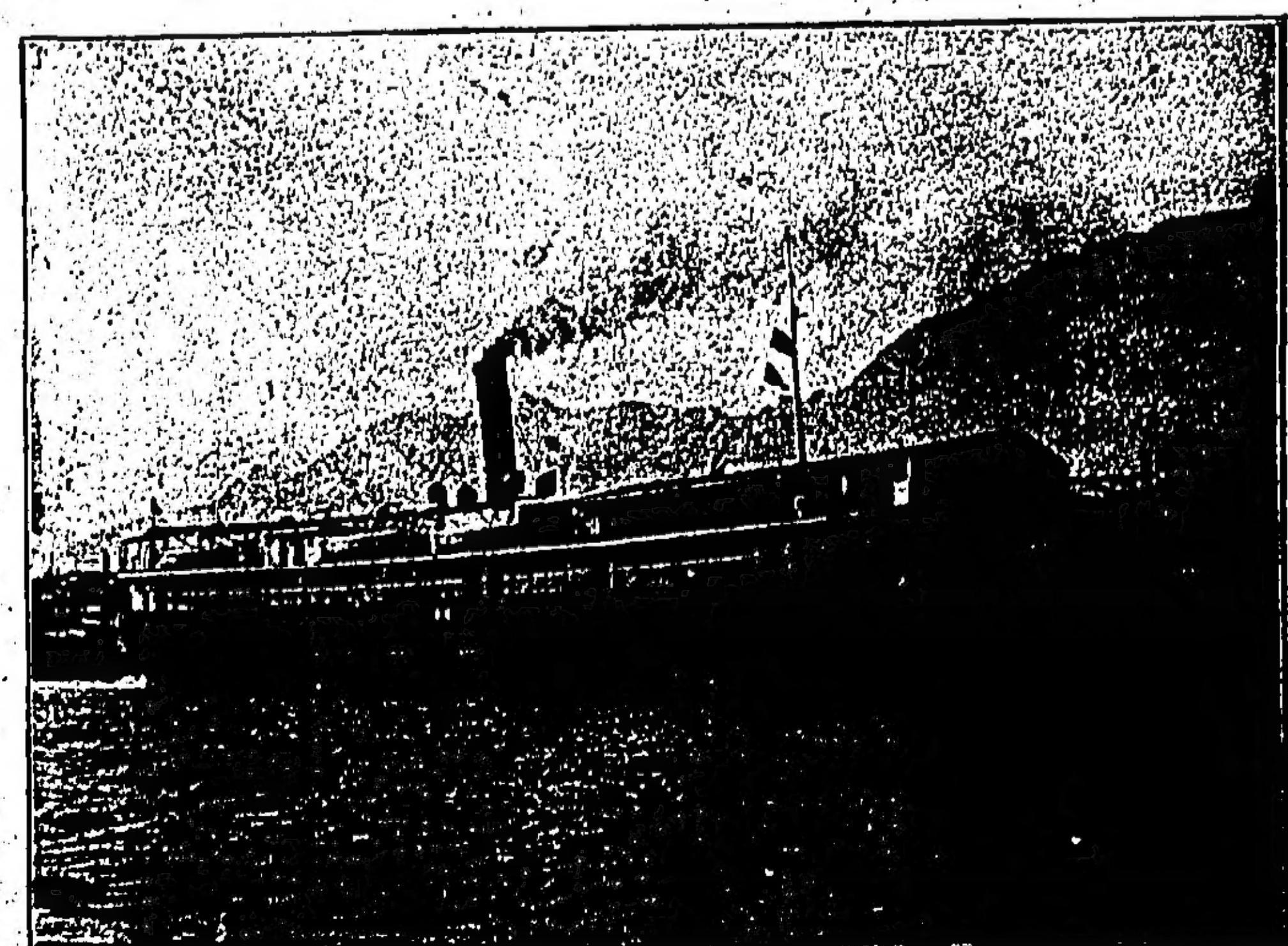
GARDNER—FOLLETT.—Mr. H. E. Gardner, the well-known local singer, is here seen with his bride, Miss M. P. Follett, on the occasion of their wedding at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday last. Among the friends in the group are Mr. G. H. Bell, Manager of the P. & O. Bank in which the bridegroom is employed, Mr. A. J. Bird, of the Chartered Bank, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dunbar, also Miss Irene Butler, Master Oliver Womack and the Misses Jacky and Jill Hargreaves-Browne. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE BISHOP OF VICTORIA.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Dupuy, D.D., who left for Shanghai this week to attend the sixth synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui.



MR. B. TANNER.—Predecessor of Mr. A. H. Crook as Headmaster of Queen's College. Although Mr. Tanner has retired, he was "toasted" at the eighth annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association, the proposer being Mr. W. May, the present Second Master.



EXCURSION STEAMER.—The Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Canton" is making weekly excursion trips to Macao to-day. How many Hong Kongites have to thank this ship for a pleasant week-end?

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## THE WORLD OF BOOKS

### LORD CURZON.

MASK THAT HID A LIFE OF PAIN.

### A SECRET ROMANCE.

"The Life of Lord Curzon." By Lord Ronaldshay, Vol. I. (Benn, 21s.)

The first of Lord Ronaldshay's three volumes covers in considerable, but never ponderous, detail Lord Curzon's career from infancy to the eve of his departure for India as Viceroy at the age of thirty-nine. It reveals a man of exceptional gifts and amazing industry, who lived abundantly, and bubbled over with animal spirits, danced, joked, did all those things which high-spirited youth in love with life and with a consuming passion for laughter insists on doing the whole world over.

The curvature of the spine which attacked him on leaving Eton, and caused him life-long suffering, explains to some extent the abnormal sensitiveness which his mask of hauteur and reserve hid from all but his closest friends. He was emotional and highly strung:

At a dinner at Bombay, given by the then Governor, Lord Lamington, to welcome him on his return to take up for a second time the toils and responsibilities of the Viceroyalty, he rose to respond to the toast of his health, and that of Lady Curzon, too ill, unhappily, to accompany him from England. Overcome by a sudden wave of emotion, induced by the proposer's kindly reference to this misfortune, he stood for some moments choking with sobs, unable to utter the opening sentences of his reply.

### Great Letter Writer.

His, in fact, was a character as different from the usual conception of a "superior person" as any could well be.

Early in life he acquired a taste for letter writing, and throughout his career maintained a tremendous and unceasing output from his pen—much of it work of trifling importance which should obviously have been delegated to someone else.

He gave to the engrossing of a servant the same exhaustive study that he brought to bear upon a problem of international diplomacy. The Concert of Europe might be riven asunder... but George Curzon would still be found nonchalantly directing the daily working of his household.

When about to leave for India he undertook to find a suitable nurse for his children, and described his interview with one of the applicants in a nine-page letter to Lady Curzon:

She is not in the least like a nurse, but exactly like an indigent lady placed in charge of children with practical and scientific knowledge in which indigent persons are usually deficient.

Then followed some doubts whether she was intimate with the wife, clothing, and education of young children—"All these are rudiments, however, which the meanest intelligence should acquire." And so on for three or four more pages.

### Tenderness And Delicacy.

Lord Ronaldshay reveals that for two years Lord Curzon and Miss Leiter, afterwards the first Lady Curzon, were secretly engaged. His letters bearing on this romance, unsuspected by even his closest friends, show a nature of great tenderness and delicacy.

This is a thoroughly interesting biography despite its excessive length, but it would have been the livelier for compression.

Miss Olive Wadsley recently finished a novel which Cassell will publish under the title "First Love."

### CHUNG HUA."

MONTHLY OF THE CHINA CLUB, SEATTLE.

The "China Mail" has received the first number of "Chung Hua," a monthly journal published by the China Club, of Seattle, "in the interest of friendly relations between the peoples of China and the United States and of a more perfect mutual understanding of their ideals and civilisation."

The Hon. Alfred Sao-ka Sze, the Chinese Minister at Washington sends words of greeting and Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin contributes an article entitled "Can We Understand China?"

The China Club of Seattle has been in existence for ten years.

### LORD OXFORD'S BOOK.

Publication in September.

Shortly before his death the Earl of Oxford and Asquith completed the reminiscences upon which he had been working for two years, and the book will be published in two volumes by Cassell's on September 6.

The book is a complete record of Lord Oxford's life and career, and is entitled "Memories and Reflection: 1862-1927." He has included a number of important letters dealing with the war and other matters, which throw a new light upon many controversial points. There is also some material from a private diary.

### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Emerald Trails—by Jackson Gregory—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

The One Girl in a Million—by Louis Tracy—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

The Man Who Laughed—by Gerard Fairlie—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

Report on the Chinese Post Office—Directorate-General of Posts, Shanghai. (Without map \$0.50; with map \$1.50).

### AMDASSADOR AND PRINCE.

One hears that Lord D'Abernon is writing an account of his very notable embassy to Germany, and that he hopes to have it ready for the autumn with Hodder and Stoughton. We shall also soon have a volume from Hutchinson which touches on important European affairs, the author being Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has already written his personal reminiscences. It will be called "Political Memoirs."

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### A FAMOUS EMPRESS.

We are to get a new series of letters by the Empress Catherine of Russia, most of which were addressed to an Englishman. This was Sir Charles Hanbury-Williams, who was our Ambassador at the Russian Court in the fatal year 1766. He was devoted to Catherine, but her warmest affections were given to his protege and secretary, Count Poniatowski, and the collection contains letters to him also. Lord Ilchester and Mrs. Langford-Brooke edit the correspondence, which Thornton Butterworth will publish.

### GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

Students of modern political history know that, since the war, the German Foreign Office has published over forty volumes of the diplomatic correspondence of the German Government with the Powers of Europe. Mr. E. T. S. Dugdale makes a selection, dealing mainly with Anglo-German affairs, of this mass of material, for a work which Methuen promises under the title "Germany and England, 1871-1914."

It will run to more than one volume, and the first is to be ready this spring.

"But Gentlemen Marry Brunettes," Mrs. Anita Loos's successor to "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," will appear early in the spring.

### MEMOIRS.

IN NAPOLEON'S CLOTHES.

### LIVELY AND INTERESTING.

"Private and Personal." By Brigadier-General W. H. Waters. (Murray, 18s.)

General Waters's new book is as good as its predecessor, which means that it is very good indeed, lively, interesting, and packed with entertaining anecdotes from cover to cover. He was a favourite of the ex-Kaiser and has much that is friendly to say of that Sovereign. The German Crown Prince gets no praise.

With scant knowledge of public affairs he became strongly militaristic, was impulsive in control, greatly lacking in mental vision and steadiness of character. His upbringing was not calculated to strengthen his character, and the same remark applies to his brothers, except perhaps Prince Adalbert.

So strictly were these unfortunate princes brought up that they were kept extraordinarily short of money.

The Crown Prince's purse before his marriage in 1905 was so small—at least its contents were—that the only possible way by which he could gratify his desire to give a present might be by parting with something from his own personal belongings.

General Waters tells us that he got on well with the Germans as British Military Attaché, and perhaps because of this he shows a distinct German bias.

My relations with the German authorities were always pleasant and straightforward... They were open-handed, and presented me from time to time with samples of their service powder, cartridges, field glasses, and other articles of equipment which we should have been very glad to obtain on payment.

### Glow of 500 Ghosts.

He had an opportunity of examining closely Napoleon's clothes, which were captured after Waterloo by Blucher's Hussars in Napoleon's carriage. This carriage Count Lothair Blucher, a descendant of the old Prussian soldier, wished to give to King Edward VII. on his coronation, and was only prevented from doing so by the ex-Kaiser's displeasure.

I tried on the tunic, the author says, which fitted me more or less in the arms and back but would have taken two of me in the chest; the neck was so enormous that the front part of the coat went straight out from it.

It was at Count Lothair's castle that the general saw during the night "a rosy glow which practically filled the room and gradually disappeared." His wife also saw it, and they were afterwards told that the glow proceeded from the ghosts of 500 Brandenburgers who had been massacred there in the Thirty Years' War.

Some of the public may remember King Edward's little terrier Caesar, which was so pathetic a figure at the funeral. The dog was apparently not kept in strict order. When the late King was discussing the treatment of the foreign military delegations at his coronation:

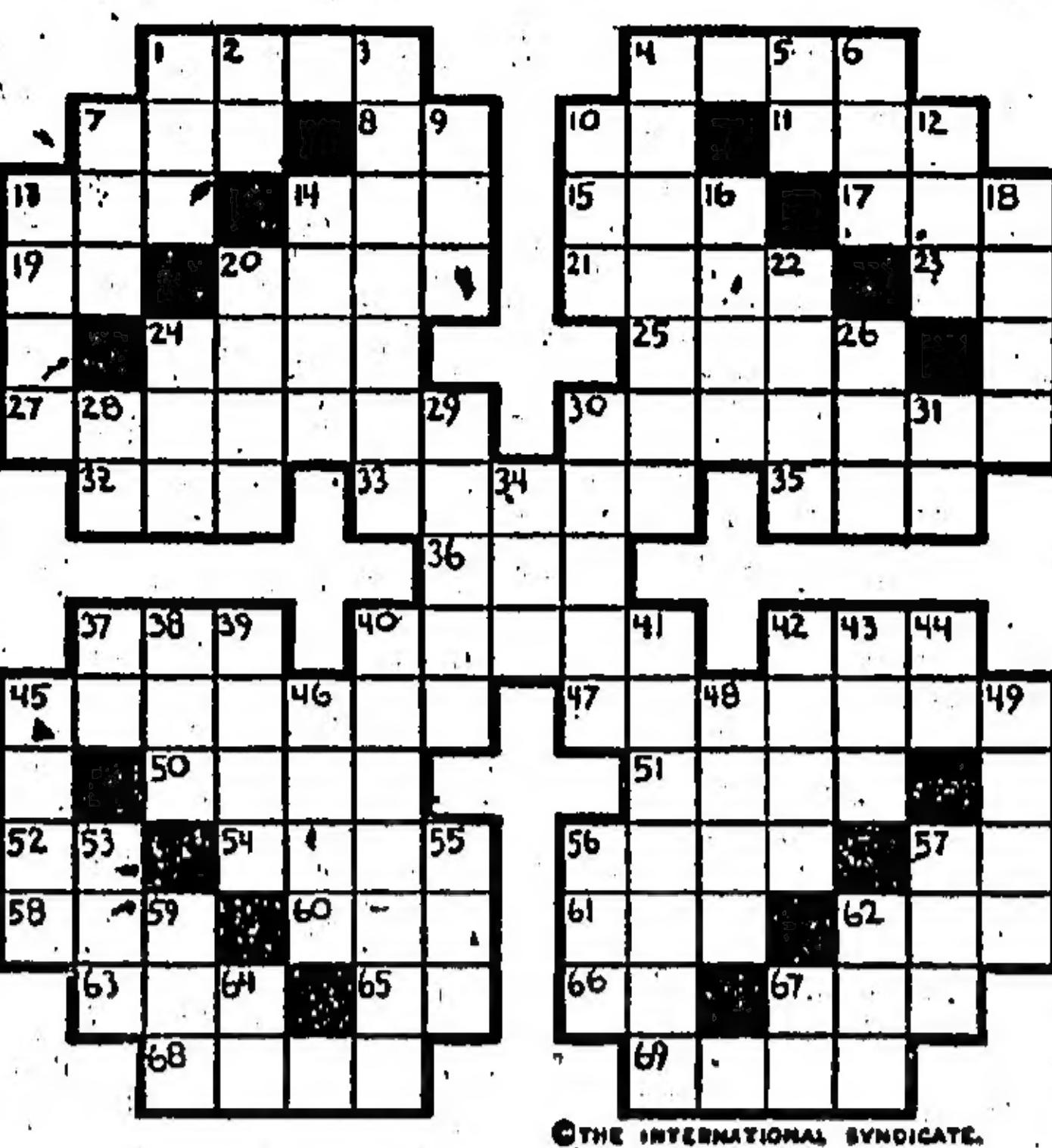
The terrier jumped on to his writing-table. As ill-luck would have it, he upset the inkpot not only over the list which his Majesty had just drawn up, so that a fresh one had to be made, but over the royal hand as well. All true dog lovers find it hard to scold them for accidents, and the King merely said: "Oh, that was very naughty."

### BRINGING UP FATHER.

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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
1-Byplay  
4-Emaciated  
7-Proceeding from  
10-Elder (abbr.)  
11-To be drawny  
13-Bellow, of cattle  
14-An individual  
15-Small barrel  
17-Summit  
19-Article  
20-Bestow excessive  
21-Timber for sails  
22-Sieve lightly  
24-Navigato  
27-Obstruct  
30-Companion  
32-Restrain by fear  
33-Symbol  
35-Self  
36-Cotton machine  
37-Pernicious  
40-Breathes rapidly  
42-Pipe  
45-Robbers on the high seas  
47-Witchcraft  
50-Upheld  
51-Praise  
52-Title of address  
53-Emaciated  
54-Eager  
57-Either  
58-Animal's foot  
60-Sink  
61-Like  
62-Skin container  
63-Pasty  
64-Entire State  
65-Article  
66-Upon  
67-Possessive pronoun  
68-Russian  
69-Tropic  
**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
20-Blind  
22-Diattressing  
24-Moisture  
26-Litter  
28-Egyptian sun-god  
29-Outer garments of old Romans (pl.)  
30-Small coin (pl.)  
31-Perform  
33-Relationship  
37-Prefix  
38-Dexterity  
39-Break of morn  
40-Careasing  
41-Able to pay debts  
42-Run quickly  
43-Spread quickly  
44-Period of time (abbr.)  
45-Davies for raising water  
46-Bound  
48-Precipitation  
49-Spun thread  
50-Knock  
52-Secret agent  
53-Bustle  
57-Implement for rowing  
59-Humorist  
62-Cleave  
64-Ejaculation  
65-Bovine animal

### SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1928.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL

1927 1928

Tytam ..... 10° 1°B 15° 10°B  
Tytam Biyawash ..... 23° 8°B 22° 6°B  
Tytam Intermediate ..... 22° 9°B 22° 6°B  
Tytam Tuk ..... 32° 3°B 43° 1°B  
Wong Nai Chung ..... 15° 8°B 22° 8°B  
Pokfulum ..... 18° 6°B 21° 9°B

[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

1927 1928  
Tytam ..... 104.39 263.92  
Tytam Biyawash ..... 1.37 1.67  
Tytam Intermediate ..... 93.20 91.40  
Tytam Tuk ..... 751.74 578.75  
Wong Nai Chung ..... 13.72 8.09  
Pokfulum ..... 27.24 21.15

Total ..... 1,191.66 964.93

**HENRIK IBSEN.**

**DRAMATIST'S DEBT TO HIS WIFE.**  
**HIS CENTENARY.**

By Bergliot Ibsen, daughter-in-law of Henrik Ibsen, and daughter of the famous Norwegian novelist, Bjornsterne Bjornson.

Now that Henrik Ibsen's centenary is about to be celebrated, I feel a desire to say a few words about the woman who meant so exceedingly much to him. He himself once said to me, "I could never have done without her greatness."

She was a gigantic personality. The fear of man was not in her. Compromise was abhorrent to her nature. I have never known a firmer character. She was a curious mixture of self-confidence and self-forgetfulness; on the one hand dictatorial and obstinate, on the other quite devoid of vanity. She hated publicity and consistently avoided making a show of herself. It was enough for her to know what she had been to her husband. That is the reason why the public know so little about her and the influence she exerted over him.

Though producing no literary work herself, she had a special gift for stimulating others. And what a splendid listener she was! She possessed an ardent enthusiasm which was enough to inspire any artist. What wonderful tales she herself could tell! There was a fund of imagination in them which I shall never forget.

**Sound Literary Judgment.**

Ibsen had a high opinion of her literary judgment, and read his plays to her act by act as he finished them. To me he once said, "She and Sigurd are the only persons whose judgment I value." And they were, in fact, the only persons with whom he spoke without reserve and for whom he really cared.

Even in her childhood she had a passion for books. I think she would have made a splendid librarian. She and my mother were friends as children, and they used to sit on a sofa, back to back, devouring novels. She was very widely read, and often she called Ibsen's attention to works he would not have become acquainted with but for her.

At first he had no sympathy with the emancipation of women, whereas she was all flame with enthusiasm, after having read Stuart Mill's "The Subjection of Women," and it was she who little by little converted him to the idea by her influence through the years. The result is already apparent in "Pillars of Society," and with even greater plainness in "A Doll's House."

In the poem "Tak" (Thanks), included in his collected poems, he has expressed what she meant to him, and two of its stanzas are inscribed on her tombstone. He showed it her smilingly, saying, "Do you know to whom this was written? Read the title backwards." Kat was the pet name he gave her when they were young.

**Love at First Sight.**

They first met at an evening party in her home at Dean Thoresen's. That same night he wrote a poem to her saying that if she would accompany him through life, he might do great things in the world. While they were engaged, he sent her several poems, but they have not been preserved.

She destroyed them shortly before her death, for she thought that "the relations between us do not concern anybody."

At that very time "Fru Inger Til Ostraat" was first produced at Bergen. He said to her, "Now you are Eline, but one day you will be Fru Inger." Twenty years later the German edition of the play was published and he made her a present of a copy which the following dedication:

To this book you have the sole right of proprietorship.

For you are indeed descended from the race of the Ostraaats. He did not draw her portrait in any of the figures he subsequently created, but he repeatedly used traits and phrases characteristic of her. Those who were intimate with her could easily recognise them in Lone Hessel, in Nora, in Fru Alving.

She was very peculiar. For instance, on his seventieth birthday the theatre invited them to a gala performance, and she answered, "One box for my husband, and one for myself. Ibsen must sit by himself." On the same occasion a torchlight procession marched up in front of the house. I can still see him going up to her with his little tripping gait, saying, "Won't you come to the window with me?" and hear her answer, "No, you must stand there alone."

**Animated Discussions.**

I have never in any place heard such animated discussions as at the house of my parents-in-law. As a rule they were about literature, but sometimes about history, friend,

**HOTEL EVIDENCE.****JUDGES ON DOUBTFUL DIVORCE EVIDENCE.****MECHANICAL CASES.**

Mrs. Annie Feitelson, of Hewitt-read, Belize-park, N.W., petitioned for a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. Adolf Feitelson on the ground of his adultery. The suit was undefended, and evidence was given by the petitioner and by Charles Arthur Eames, a floor waiter at the Grosvenor Hotel, and Mr. George Jenkins, the assistant manager. At the close of the case Mr. Justice Bateson said: "People go to hotels and stay the night there with a woman, and they say adultery has been committed. In this case it was argued that adultery must be inferred, but I rather demur. I have had two cases recently where it has been proved to my satisfaction that the husband had gone to an hotel and stayed the night with a woman and yet had not committed adultery. Petitioner has sent an hotel bill which might be only a 'frame up,' and I ought to satisfy myself where there is only one incident like this."

Ultimately a decree nisi with costs was granted.

The President adjourned two petitions in which evidence was called from hotels to prove the charge of adultery made.

His lordship said he would not be a party to any mechanical proceedings if he was aware of it.

**YOUNG BRIDE.****THE SENTENCE ON PALMER.****7 YEAR'S P.S.**

A sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) at the Old Bailey on Charles Jackson Palmer, 59, medical electrician, of Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, who was found guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, 21, the wife of a former Paymaster-Commander in the Navy, of Gordon-square, W.C. Evidence was given at the trial that Mrs. Goldsmith, a bride of only ten weeks, feared motherhood. She died in the consulting-room at Palmer's establishment on November 21. The defence was that she went there for electrical treatment, but the jury found that she died as the result of an illegal operation.

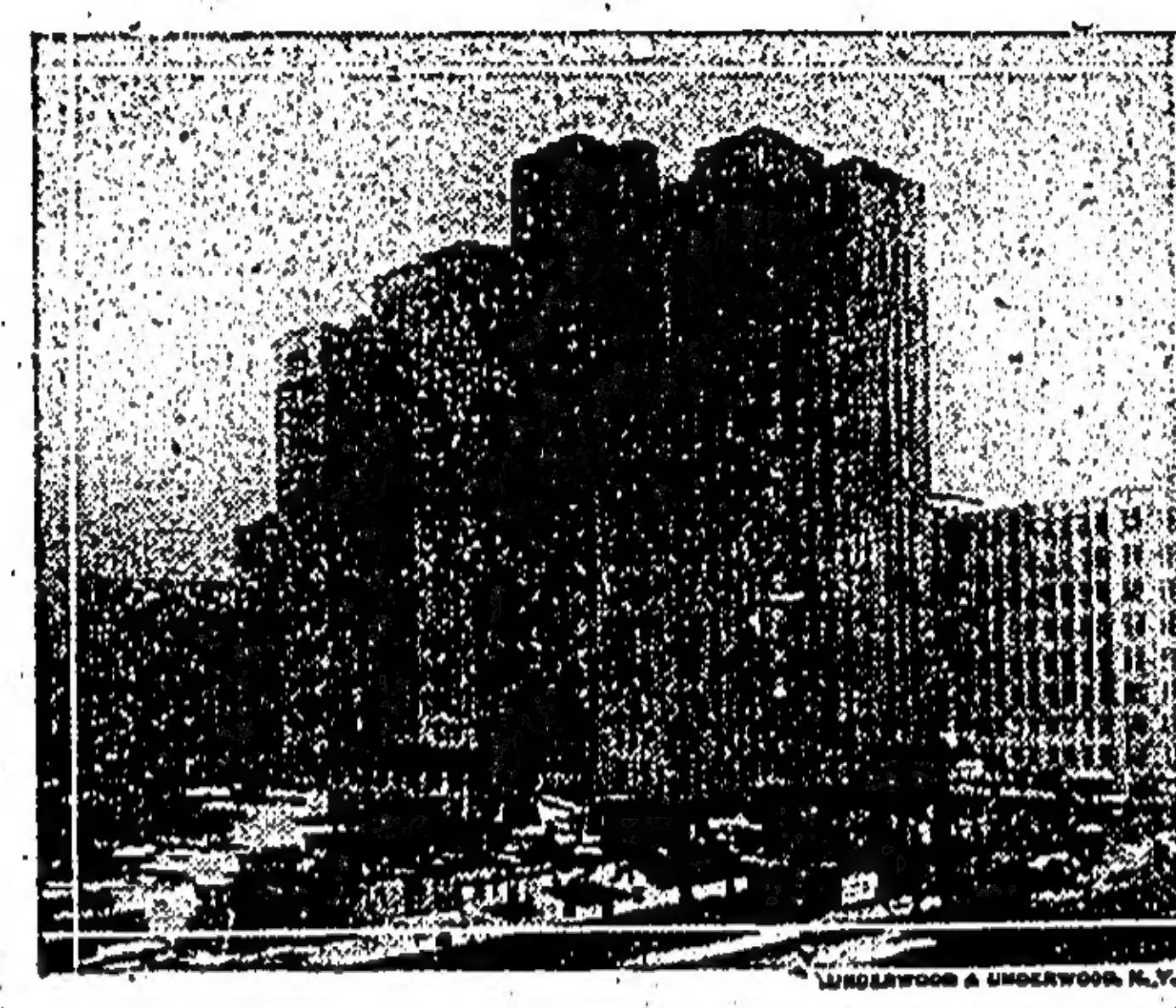
According to the police, Palmer

**BRIGHTER SUNDAY.****THE NEW DINNER-CONCERTS IN LONDON.****HOTEL ATTRACTIONS.**

Sunday night, formerly the dullest of the week in London, has become one of the most attractive. This is owing to the campaign of the directors of the great West End hotels to make bright, what previously was notorious for its atmosphere of lonely boredom.

Some hotels have instituted dinners at which table decorations are unusually attractive; others give expensive souvenirs to the women guests.

The directors of the May Fair Hotel have gone to greater lengths in the case of this Brighter Sunday movement, and have instituted a series of first-class concerts following an unusually good dinner. Signor Tito Schipa, the tenor, sang from his extensive repertoire to a brilliant audience.



New York.—A general view of the largest collection of hospitals and training schools in the world, the new Medical Centre, which, when completed, will cover an area of 20 acres on Washington Heights.

and politics. I recollect that sometimes during a discussion at table they would grow furious. And then, in the middle of the whirl of tumult of emotions, you could hear her say in the kindest voice, "Please pass me the bread, Ibsen," with which request he complied with equal amiability. But no sooner had this been done than the heated conversation was resumed.

She often told me about the time when they were young and had to live on very plain fare. When Ibsen wrote "Brand" while staying at Aricia, they had nothing but dry bread and grapes for supper. Their dinner she cooked in a tavern, where she was allowed a corner of the kitchen range. She was a splendid cook, and he was so fond of the food she made that she had to cook for him till his death.

"Brand" was posted, and now they waited in suspense for the answer from Glyndebourne. "We had to wait for months," she said, "for Hegel was not sure that the play was good enough."

**Industry and Frugality.**

Then the Storthing granted him a poet's pension of 1,600 kroner, and both he and she wondered how on earth they were to spend all that money. In the course of time he made a modest fortune—though rich, as people thought he was, he never became. However, the making of this fortune was not his work alone, she helped him by her industry and frugality and the work of a lifetime. Even up to his fiftieth year they always travelled third class. He did not like it, but she had her way on this point.

When she grew older she suffered much from rheumatism, was often in great pain, and could hardly walk. For fourteen long years she was tied to her apartment in Arbinsgate. But she never complained, gave no sign of her sufferings, and cut you short when you inquired about her health.

Once, for instance, a lady called who advised her to go into the country, as she thought

she needed a change of air. I shall deliberately put out of my mind suspicions and rumours of suspensions. It is right that I should direct my attention to the evidence and to the evidence in this case alone. That evidence convinces me that you were carrying on the trade of abortion. It was as a person carrying on that trade that you were consulted by Mrs. Goldsmith. It was as a person carrying on that trade that you treated her.

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The Air Estimates (wrote the "Daily Telegraph's" Parliamentary correspondent recently) yielded a first-rate debate, not in the ornate sense (for there was no oratory), but in the more useful sense of an interchange of ideas. There was more fresh original thinking in than goes to a couple of Army debates or a dozen Navy debates.

Indeed, the air seems to have a peculiar faculty of provoking marked divergencies of thought and of breaking through the accepted conventions. So would the birds if they were to take part in a council of the great cats and carnivores, of whose methods our tactics and strategy until quite recently were only elaborated imitations.

In the middle of the debate came the news of Lieutenant Kinkend's death. It was like a speech made sub silentio.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister of Air, has a manner that is in curious contradiction with his matter. The manner is, mincing, almost old-maidish; the thought is clear and downright. His speech to-day was a carefully thought out essay, rather than a departmental speech. Throughout he seemed to feel the necessity for continually justifying himself against the two older departments of defence. He is a romanticist in the sense in which no War Minister or First Lord of the Admiralty ever is. He is by the very nature of his office an innovator and a pioneer of new ideas, many of which, it should be added, not only the Minister, but Lady Maude Hoare, too, test by personal experience.

**Annihilator of Distance.**  
The longest section of his speech to-day dealt with the airship, which he regards primarily as the great annihilator of distance and unifier of Empire. If only it can be made safe and trustworthy, it can carry passengers in comfort, mails in quantity, and, with its immense range, can be independent of contact with foreign countries.

All this led up to the announcement that he hoped shortly to begin a weekly mail service by airship to India, which would save ten days between Calcutta and London. The Persian Government, it seems, has unexpectedly placed difficulties in the way at the last moment, but these can be overcome or evaded by the choice of some other route.

Sir Samuel had comparatively little to say on the military side of aviation, though he told us of an increase of strength, amounting to four squadrons, at cost less than last year's provision.

The second half of his speech was an elaborate defence of the Air Ministry as a separate department, and of service in the air as a career for young men that was now stabilised. He also gave an account of some new progress of air science—notably in the substitution of metal for wood in aeroplanes, the invention of the "slotted-wing" machine, which diminishes greatly the risk of crashes, and in the development of flying-boats, on which he spoke with enthusiasm.

**Chocolate or Dynamite.**

Mr. Dalton opened the discussion from the Labour benches in one of those fluent, accomplished speeches in which the second half cancels out what was said in the first half. Very different was the speech of Captain Guest, an anti-Lloyd George Liberal, who usually votes Conservative. He spoke to-day with quite remarkable forcefulness, accused Sir Samuel Hoare of having "a department of dynamite," and talking about it "as though it was chocolate cream."

He maintained that we were falling behind in our air services and that much more rapid progress was being made in America, France, and Germany. His grievance is not that we are spending too much, but spending too little.

**Vision of Next War.**

That was also the view of Mr. John Buchan, who spoke later in the debate. He argued that if we were going to economise, far better to do it at the expense of the Army and Navy. We were not spending enough on the Air Service. The next war would not be a prolonged tug-of-war like the last. It would strike at the nerve centres.

Napoleon was wrong. Our business in war was not to seek out the enemy's forces and defeat them, but to break the enemy's morale at the lowest cost to ourselves. The next war would begin with a struggle for supremacy in the air, and its result might settle the entire war before fleets and armies could come into touch.

Air was the least costly form of defence, and the most elementary and vital. Mr. Buchan quoted figures to show how it had reduced the cost of our defence in Mesopotamia and Trans-Jordania, so that what would have cost \$20,000,000 now cost under \$8,000,000.

Mr. Buchan has not quite got

## FLEET STREET!

"QUEX" OF THE "EVENING  
NEWS."

A TRIBUTE.

Few journalists have been treated to such a coming-of-age party as was assembled at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, recently to do honour to "Quex," of the London "Evening News" (Capt. G. H. F. Nichols), in celebrating his 21 years in Fleet-street.

The Earl of Birkenhead was in the chair, and among the guests were distinguished authors, soldiers, actors, journalists, and M.P.s.

As Mr. Edgar Wallace wittily expressed it, no one but "Quex" could have put Mr. Arnold Bennett and Mr. Jack Joel on nodding terms or brought Mr. Gordon Selfridge to sit beside a large shareholder in Whiteleys.

Lord Dewar, one of a score or so who wrote regretting their absence, declared, "To be noted and noticed by 'Quex' is to have achieved fame, if not immortality."

Lord Birkenhead, in toasting "Quex," said that it was the gift of their guest that without ever degrading his paragraphs to the level of sugary flattery, he never disfigured them by either vulgarity or malice.

His pen indeed was kindly, but was never obsequious. He preserved a poise very remarkable in one who dealt with topics in which a very slight error of taste in a detail might mar the quality of the contribution as a whole.

He had an intuitive insight into that which might be said by a well-bred man of the world, and that which might not be said; he had a perspective and a correlation which have been conceded to very few who have committed their barbs to those perilous and shallow waters.

"Quex," in returning thanks, touched on the inspiration he received from "The Daily Mail" while on the threshold of a career in Nottingham.

A silver cigar box of generous size was presented to him by his friends.

## "BIGGEST STORE."

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Mr. Selfridge was not prepared to discuss the question of cost, but it is obvious that, apart from the erection of new buildings, when the time comes, a very large sum of money must be involved in dealing with various interests, and that the process must be a gradual one.

The area covered by the scheme is bounded on the south by Somerset-street—on the other side of this thoroughfare is the Selfridge building—on the west by Orchard-street, on the north by Wigmore-street, and on the east by Duke-street. Mr. Selfridge has already secured Somerset-street, and a number of the small Georgian houses have been in the occupation of the firm for some time. The Duke-street side, too, it is understood, is under his control, as is much of the Wigmore-street section, and he holds ground leases in Orchard-street. All of the property is leasehold, and is largely on the Portman estate.

Negotiations have yet to be effected in regard to the remainder of Wigmore-street and Orchard-street. Among the lessees or under-lessees are business firms, private residents, hotel and shop keepers, and with all of these arrangements have to

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to Europe has been reduced to \$1.05 per word.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word, no charge will be collected from the addresses in Yunnan. The service is however liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at senders' risk.

INWARD MAIIS.

From Per  
SATURDAY, APRIL 21.

Straits	Baron Haig
Shanghai	Sui Yang
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Harrison
SUNDAY, APRIL 22.	
Europe via Negapatam. Papers only. London	
22nd Mar.	Hatipara
Amoy	Takada
MONDAY, APRIL 23.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft
Manila	Pres. Jackson
Saigon	Capitaine Faure
Shanghai	Taming
TUESDAY, APRIL 24.	
Japan	Aki Maru
THURSDAY, APRIL 26.	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia
MONDAY, MAY 7.	
Australia and Manila	Toonda

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For Per  
SATURDAY, APRIL 21.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Orestes	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	5 p.m.
Amoy	Anking	5 p.m.
Klungchow and Haiphong	New Mathilde	5 p.m.
Japan	Lus Vegas	5 p.m.
Pakhol	Kwang Foh	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 22.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Bangkok	Kalgan	9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 23.		
Bangkok via Swatow	Bintang	10.30 a.m.
Mauritius via Saigon	Tin How	12.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan and Rabaul	Calulu	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada, "Europe via San Francisco"—due San Francisco, 17th May and Europe via Siberia, Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 24th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 24th) 10.30 a.m.	President Jackson	

Correspondence bearing your name only.

LIEUT. KINKEAD.

Verdict: Death By Misadventure."

MACHINE FAULTLESS.

Aviator Not Affected By Machine's Fumes.

London, Yesterday. The verdict at the inquest on the death of Flight-Lieut. Kinkead was "death by misadventure". Major Cooper, Inspector of Accidents of the Air Ministry, testified that the machine was faultless. He believed that Kinkead had decided to abandon the attempt, and misjudged the height from the water on attempting to alight. Major Cooper was definitely of opinion that Kinkead was not affected by fumes in the slightest and said that another attempt to break the record would be made and that everything possible would be done to prevent accidents.—Reuter.

LOVER OF 82.

LADY SAID HE WAS "SO SLOW."

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Counsel: When has he [a man of 82] refused to marry you? Single woman of 55, suing for damages for breach of promise. He has not absolutely refused, but he has had long enough time to be shaping.

Counsel: Did you propose to him?

The Woman: Ladies have to shake men up sometimes when they are so slow.

There were many amusing moments in a case at Lancaster Assizes in which the foregoing dialogue occurred. It resulted in the award of £50 damages to Miss Margaret Ann Thomson, a fancy goods dealer, of Great Eccleston, against James Robinson, a retired stone-mason, of Church-street, Silverdale, narrates the "Daily News."

He Came Bringing Gifts.

They met in the summer of 1915, when she was 45 and he was 70. An ardent wooper, he called for her daily at eight in the morning, always bringing either eatables or flowers.

As he could not write, a friend called Mrs. Fleming—whom Mr. Justice Rigby Swift described as "Cupid"—wrote his love letters for him.

Mr. Jolly, for Miss Thomson, said Mr. Robinson in 1926 cooled off, and had refused to carry out the engagement.

Mr. Goldie (for Mr. Robinson): We are still willing to carry out the contract.

Mr. Jolly: So are we.

Counsel as Bridesmaid.

His Lordship: Had we better not adjourn and sit in another building which is just outside (the parish church)?—If they want a best man and a bridesmaid I am sure Mr. Goldie and you will oblige.

Mr. Robinson, a fresh-complexioned man looking much younger than his years, said he had land in Canada for which he was asking £4,000. If there had been a quick sale, there would have been a quick marriage.

Mr. Goldie: Would you marry her to-morrow if you could afford to keep a wife?

Mr. Robinson: Yes, happen before to-night. (Laughter.)

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL 23.

At 9 a.m. on St. George's Day (April 23) the President of St. George's Society of Hong Kong will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph. The Committee hope that as many members as possible will attend.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Boyd, D.S.O., and Officers the Band of the 1st Batt. The Queen's Royal Regiment will play the Retreat on the Cricket Club Ground (by courtesy) at 5.30 p.m. (weather permitting).

The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed their stand at the disposal of the public.

The Committee and Members of the Society will be "at Home" to H.M. Forces at 9.30 p.m. in the Queen's and Star Theatres.

FLYING BACK.

What the "Bremen" Will Attempt.

TO GERMANY.

Pressmen And Cinema-men Stranded In Snowstorm.

London, Yesterday. Koski announces that the German airmen will attempt to fly back in the "Bremen" to Germany.

Unlucky News-Gatherers.

Quebec, Yesterday. A snowstorm has forced down 20 miles north-east of Murray Bay, a Canadian seaplane returning from Greenly Island with pressmen and cinematographers.—Reuter's American Service.

Ford Monoplane Going.

New York, Yesterday. A giant Ford monoplane has been chartered by New York interests and has left Detroit with supplies for Murray Bay where she will pick up spare parts and a pilot to proceed to Greenly Island.—Reuter's American Service.

TURNS UP TRUMPS.

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south of Tsingtau, where the Railway crosses the Yellow River. Another 200 miles further north

is Peking, the goal.

Formidable Obstacle.

The railway bridge at Tsingtau is 4,032 feet long. The width of the Yellow River may present a formidable obstacle to the Nationalists in their march.

Then in Chihli province Marshal Chang Tso-lin has several army corps of his own (Fengtien) troops from Manchuria. Some of the units are engaged in the south of the province against the Kuomin-chun's offensive from Honan.

Others are in the west of Chihli, in Lat. 38° north, hammering away (along the Chengting-Taiyuan Railway) at that part of the Great Wall which separates Shansi from Chihli.

Julia O'Donnell, a woman employed by a waste-paper dealer, said that on one occasion she and her friends had three bags full of stamps from cheques and other documents so that they might be used again and for dealing in stamps, not being licensed.

Long, when seen by an officer of the Post Office, admitted that in one transaction he had sold stamps of the face value of £8 for 26.

Julia O'Donnell, a woman employed by a waste-paper dealer, said that on one occasion she and her friends had three bags full of stamps. She sold them to Long. He usually paid half their face value for them.

Long was fined £20 for the fraudulent use of a penny stamp, £20 for the removal of a 6d. stamp, and £20 for dealing in stamps without a licence, or two months' imprisonment for each offence.

Andrew Stevens, stamp dealer,

General Yen Hsi-shan, known as the "model tuchun," rules Shansi province. He declared for the Nationalists a year ago and has been at war with Peking, on and off, for more than six months.

The crux of the situation lies in the Shansi sector.

Peking's Position.

Shansi's geographical position is such that any attempt by the Peking leaders to maintain a long line of communications with areas in the south are subject to flank attacks by Shansi.

As Shansi's goodwill cannot be obtained, the Peking leaders are now making a serious effort to crush General Yen Hsi-shan. Once this is accomplished, the Northerners will be able to offer organised defence to both the Kuomin-chun from Honan and the combined Nationalists-and-Kuomin-chun in Shantung. If the Shansi menace is not removed, the Northerners have not much hope.

Counter-attacks by the Northerners under Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Tsung-chang have not materialised. Peking's hopes lie, therefore, in the Manchurian army, which is at least 200,000 strong.

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Mr. Robinson: Yes, happen before to-night. (Laughter.)

The Next Issue.

A reason why Peking is not sending reinforcements to the two Generals in Shantung is that their presence is no longer desired and defeat by an enemy is a convenient means of dismissal.

Unless the Northerners in Shantung bring off a forlorn hope, the next issue is between the Nationalist allies and Chang Tso-lin's own Manchurian forces.

Whether the Manchurians will fight in Chihli province—to prevent Peking falling—depends on the result of the drive being waged by them against Shansi.

If the Shansi line on the Great Wall is not pierced, the Manchurians (and remnants of other Northern armies) are likely to march eastward from Peking, go outside the Great Wall, and concentrate on holding Manchuria against the Nationalists in China Proper.

Fifth Wheel Failure.

He added a fifth wheel to enable the pram to mount kerbs more easily, and then scrapped it. More and more he progressed towards the modern perambulator, using paper-mache for the first effort towards real coachwork.

The perambulator of to-day, built on motor-car lines, is largely the result of his work, and he manufactured perambulators propelled by motor-engines.

He was a pioneer motorist. He held a gold medal for his invention nearly 35 years ago of a "motor-car" driven by tubes of compressed air,